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ATTLEE'S MINISTERIAL CHANGES

Announcement Soon

London, Sept. 19.—The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, will announce changes in his Government—on a larger scale than any he has previously made—probably in a fortnight's time, it was authoritatively learned tonight.

It was earlier thought that he would make an announcement next week.

It was almost certain that the Big Five of the Cabinet—Mr. Attlee, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton—would not be affected.

The speculation has linked with the changes the names of the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, the Minister of Supply, Mr. John Wilmot, Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Arthur Greenwood, the Minister of Fuel and Power, Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, the War Minister, Mr. Frederick Bellenger, the Health Minister, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, and others.

New blood, it is suggested, may be brought into the Ministry including some of the younger element of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

There is a general expectation that several Ministers will be removed from their present posts, but little indication of the identity of the new Ministers.

Mr. Attlee has made a few alterations in his Cabinet since the Labour Government was elected in July, 1945, though, when the Government took office, he indicated that his Cabinet choice was provisional and that the Government would be recast as the necessity arose.—Reuter.

City In State Of Emergency

New York, Sept. 19.—The Mayor of New Orleans today proclaimed a state of emergency in the city which is threatened by the hurricane.

The hurricane had already ripped into the exposed areas of Louisiana at the mouth of the Mississippi River, with winds of velocities of up to 160 kilometres an hour.

Thousands of refugees, many of them from neighbouring flood threatened districts, crammed all available public buildings here as Weather Bureau experts said the tempest would strike the city if it continued in its present course.—Reuter.

DOCTOR'S HEROISM

Berlin, Sept. 19.—Dr. Franz Mischgald, chief physician of the "Augusta Viktoria" Hospital, today injected himself with the spinal fluid of a polio victim to determine its results upon his own person as the epidemic passed the 1,000 case mark.

The British licensed newspaper, *Telegraph*, which published the photograph of the handsome grey-haired doctor, described him as a "hero of peace" which impresses us more than generals.

The German health authorities reported that the number of poliomyelitis cases had passed the 1,000 mark during the 24 hours ending at noon. Forty-eight new cases were reported, raising the total to 1,002.

Dr. Mischgald said he expected the epidemic would reach its peak with 1,500 cases.—United Press.

Brighter Prospects EXTREMELY SYMPATHETIC CONFERENCE

London, Sept. 19.—After the delegations from seven Dominions had conferred with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, close observers expressed optimism regarding possible Commonwealth aid to Britain in relieving the world dollar crisis.

Canada and Newfoundland, which are in the dollar area, were absentees from the conference held at the Treasury with the following territories represented: Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, Pakistan, Eire, and Southern Rhodesia.

An official who was present said of today's discussions, which, it is understood, would be followed by expert talks, that the atmosphere "was extremely sympathetic towards Britain and she should reasonably be able to expect help from the Dominions which is worthwhile."

Other officials said that the attitude of India, Pakistan and Eire

had been particularly "warm and understanding."

During the meeting, it is understood, the Australian delegation questioned Mr. Dalton about the project for an Empire Customs Union, first mooted by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, in his Southport speech nearly three weeks ago.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said that Britain would prefer that these proposals should not enter the present discussions.

Although the Dominions have considered the proposition informally in the abstract, and some have prepared statistical material about the possibilities, the Empire Free Trade plan as such is still not on the cards.

The first reaction from the Dominions have been so reserved as to suggest that much fuller information is needed about the details of the proposition.

The Government had already accepted the principle of a Commonwealth Customs Union as part of their future trade policy.—Reuter.

DANGER SIGNALS

London, Sept. 19.—The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, at a press conference tonight, emphasised that the United Kingdom sale of £20,000,000 worth of gold for dollars, and the drawing of \$60,000,000 from the Monetary Fund were "danger signals" to British workers who should consequently "make their best production effort."

Mr. Dalton also emphasised that the sale of further gold of gold (usually well-informed financial circles estimate the United Kingdom may well decrease the present gold dollar reserves of about £600,000,000 by about one third; on the other hand not by more, by similar gold sales) and "might well purchase more dollars from the Fund."

The Chancellor stated that although no immediate United Kingdom approach to the International Bank was contemplated, he "did not rule out" that such an approach for a loan might be made for some specific development scheme (well-informed quarters predict that the United Kingdom may request the International Bank for a loan for the development of the coal industry).

The Chancellor said that he hoped Mr. C. E. Gutt and Mr. John J. McCloy, respectively Director-General of the Fund and President of the Bank, would "bring in a few new members" of the Bretton Woods institutions during their coming European tour.

EXAGGERATED IDEAS

Mr. Dalton said that he "wished to dispel the exaggerated ideas of the extent to which the Fund and Bank could help to solve the world dollar problems."

On the other hand, he was certain that the Bretton Woods institutions could provide an increasing and useful contribution towards the solution of the dollar problem.

The Chancellor said that he could not say whether there would be an autumn budget—a measure widely forecast because of the need to reduce money in circulation in proportion to the reduced flow of goods to the shops, following imports cuts and a one-third increase in exports.

Britain would keep in touch with all members of the sterling area. "It has been resolved by all concerned to take the necessary steps in diminishing the dollar gap in the sterling area."

Finally, Mr. Dalton clarified the problem which had worried London financial circles for some time and said: "All the terms of the Anglo-American loan agreement continue to be binding on the United Kingdom even after the loan is exhausted, unless and until some further arrangement is entered into."—Reuter.

Top-Level Ministers In Trade Talks

London, Sept. 19.—Ten top-level Ministers took part in the Anglo-Eire trade and finance talks in London today when the Prime Minister of Eire, Mr. Eamon de Valera, with members of his Cabinet, flew to London on his first visit since before the war.

Coinciding with the Anglo-American talks on imperial preference and the sterling area Commonwealth countries, the general financial position, the Anglo-Eire conference was directed towards mutual assistance in meeting the currency difficulties of both countries.

Indicative of the importance attached to the talks was the list of Ministers present. After the two Prime Ministers, Mr. de Valera and Mr. Clement Attlee, had lunch at 10, Downing Street, five British and three Eire Ministers joined in the discussions in the Cabinet Room.

They were for Britain: The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Minister for Commonwealth Relations, Mr. Arthur Henderson, the President of the Board of Trade, Sir Stafford Cripps, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Hugh Dalton, and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Percy Collick.

For Eire: the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Patrick Smith, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Frank Aiken, and the Minister for Commerce and Industry, Mr. Sean Lemass.

The Ministerial talks were expected to be completed today, with some of the visitors returning to Eire tonight and Mr. de Valera staying in London until tomorrow when he will leave for Paris to attend Monday's conference on the Marshall plan for "dollar aid to Europe."

Further meetings between the experts of the two countries were being arranged.

An official communique published tonight after the trade and financial discussions at 10, Downing Street, stated:

"The representatives of the two countries explored in general terms the possibilities of dovetailing, on their mutual advantage, plans for increasing supplies from each country to the other."

"An agreement was reached on the desirability of organising discussions at the official level, with a view to submitting proposals giving practical expression in the common interest to the ideas developed at the Inter-Ministerial discussions."

"Arrangements for discussions at the official level are being put in hand at once."—Reuter.

Hunt For 'Robin Hood'

Palermo, Sept. 19.—One thousand policemen and soldiers, some disguised as peasants, moved through the rugged hill country south of Palermo today in an all-out hunt for Sicily's elusive "Robin Hood," Salvatore Giuliano, whose private war against Communism earned him the national government's denunciation.

The bandit was said to be hiding near the town of Alcamo in the centre of the slowly closing police net. Some officials, however, believed that Giuliano had withdrawn to his defence nest on the top of Mount Sganna overlooking his home town of Monte Lepre.

The police said Giuliano had no more than 30 men with him but estimates of the bandit's strength have run to 3,000 men backed up by a few light tanks and artillery pieces.

The great man-hunt has uncovered large stocks of sub-machineguns, hand grenades and ammunition on farms and in villages, but the police said there was no way to tell if they belonged to Giuliano and his gang or other bandits.—United Press.



Vice-Admiral Sakonju Naomasa, who is standing trial at No. 5 War Crimes Court charged with the alleged execution of 69 survivors of the British motor ship Behar in March, 1944.

Ex-Cabinet Minister Fined £40

Pretoria, Sept. 19.—Mr. Oswald Pirow, a former South African Minister of Defence, was fined £40 with the alternative of two months imprisonment when he was found guilty today of incitement to violence under the Riotous Assemblies Act.

It was alleged that he had urged physical violence against non-Europeans.

The Riotous Assemblies Act provides for a maximum penalty of one year's imprisonment or a fine of £100, or both, for incitement of hostility between non-Europeans and Europeans.

It was alleged that in an article entitled "Take the law into your own hands", published in Pirow's newspaper "Die Nuwe Orde" (The New Order), on March 9, he incited, instigated, commanded or procured others to commit one of the following crimes: public violence, murder, culpable homicide, assault, and contravention of the Native Administration Act.

Mr. Oswald Pirow pleaded not guilty.

In his evidence, Mr. Pirow said that he did not write the article but gave instructions for it to be published.

Die Nuwe Orde dealt specially with racial problems.

Mr. Pirow said that for over 10 years, he had been a Cabinet Minister in the Union, and for six years a member of the Inner Cabinet, a body which took decisions on the nation's problems.

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LAST MINUTE SPORTS NEWS

European Title For Peter Kane

BOXER'S CLEVER COMEBACK

Manchester, Sept. 20.—Englishman Peter Kane, 29 year old former world flyweight champion, capped a comeback from retirement on Friday night by winning the European bantamweight championship from Theo Medina of France.

Streaming blood from a right eye cut in the fourth round, the Golborne blacksmith hammered the tiring Medina around the ring to score a points decision.

Kane weighed 117 pounds and Medina 116½.—Associated Press.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

London, Sept. 20.—Arsenal, leading the first division of the English League by reason of a better goal average than Preston North End who have equal points from one more game played, should again step out on their own today.

On their own ground at the Highbury, North London, Stadium, Arsenal appear certain to beat Stoke City—who have lost six straight games.

Arsenal will be forced to make defensive changes as Scott, their left back, has been chosen to play for England against Belgium at Brussels on Sunday, Sept. 21.

Preston, due to visit Sheffield United, a tough lot to beat on their own ground, will also be without a star player, Finney, chosen as England's outside left for the Brussels match. Preston, who plan to introduce a new right wing, two young players making their debut in top class football, will probably be satisfied to share points.

If Preston slip up, Blackpool, hosts to Sunderland, may move into second berth in the championship table. On form, Blackpool should beat Sunderland, a poor team so far on the hard and dry grounds.—Associated Press.

£15,500 OFFER FOR LAWTON

London, Sept. 20.—Stuart McMillan, manager of the Derby County Football Club said on Friday that he had offered "Chosen" more than £15,500 for their centre-forward, Tommy Lawton, who is to lead the England team

against Belgium in Brussels in the International match on Sunday, Sept. 21.

During the summer Derby paid Greenock Morton, Scottish League Club, the record transfer fee of £15,500 for Billy Steel, their inside left.

McMillan said he is waiting for a reply from Chelsea, who, when they accepted to Lawton's request to be placed on the transfer list, announced that they would not let him go for cash alone. The Club wanted a player, or players, in part exchange.—Associated Press.

Maharaja's New Jockey

London, Sept. 20.—The Maharaja of Baroda, one of the biggest spenders in English flat racing, and his jockey Edgar Britt of Australia, have parted company less than a week after Britt swept Baroda's three-year old colt Sayajirao, to win the St. Leger.

The Indian Prince has signed Charlie Smirke to be his first jockey next year.

The agreement between the Maharaja of Baroda and Smirke is understood to carry with it a riding fee comparable with that paid by the Beckhampton Stable to champion jockey Gordon Richards for first claim on his services. Smirke will also ride for the Aga Khan and Prince Aly Khan.—Associated Press.

Ryder Cup Choices

London, Sept. 20.—The British Professional Golfers Association completed selection of the Ryder Cup team on Friday, naming Eric Green, Arthur Lees, and the winner of the match play championship next week to the last three places.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

Complex Proposition

FOR the purpose of "promoting a stable, healthy economy in Europe within the framework of expanding world trade," a study group is being formed to discuss the possibility of setting up a Customs Union. At the time this was announced it was stated that the group will "seek to establish appropriate relationships with the Interim Tariff Committee to be set up under the general agreement on tariffs and trade and with the International Trade Organisation as soon as it is established."

Here are some of the reference so generalised as to be misleading unless due cognisance is taken of the very difficult problems associated with the creation of a Customs Union between industrialised countries, all suffering in varying degrees from the effects of the problems are as much political, social and technical as they are economic. It becomes clear that the whole field must be investigated before deciding whether it is desirable to embark on necessarily long and difficult negotiations. From the immediate point of view a Customs Union is not likely to solve Europe's problems of production and balance of payments. In the first place, a full Customs Union would take years to accomplish; secondly it will not open up to countries of the Western Hemisphere additional raw materials and foodstuffs; thirdly European recovery is impeded at present by various restrictions on trade be-

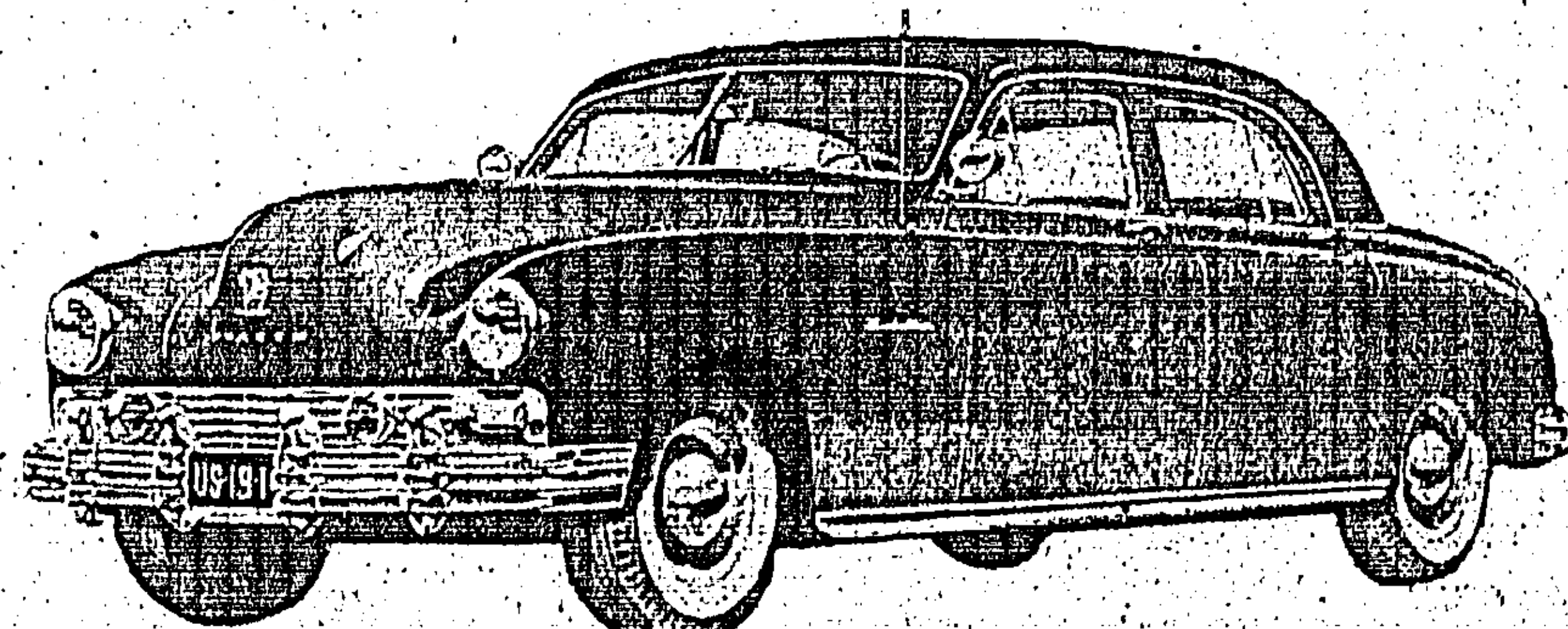
tween European countries. These would have to be materially reduced, although it can be said that there are signs of these restrictions being loosened in the relatively near future. But what of the longer term value? Would a greater degree of economic unity between the highly skilled nations of Europe increase the Continent's productivity by making larger markets available to more efficient industries? Would it increase competition and increase grossly uneconomic activities? Would it encourage the more productive use of manpower? Would it, in fact, redress the balance of payments of Europe with the rest of the world? How far can preparation be made in advance to avoid local unemployment and dislocation which would undoubtedly result from competition between the free trade questions, the answers to which are not easy. The United Kingdom in particular will have to make a special study of them since she has now decided to enter a British Commonwealth and Empire Customs Union as part of her trade policy. The last thing Britain can afford to do is to prejudice the maintenance and development of trade with the Commonwealth. This makes it imperative that the United Kingdom, before committing herself to a European Customs Union must consult with the governments of other Commonwealth countries on the whole matter.

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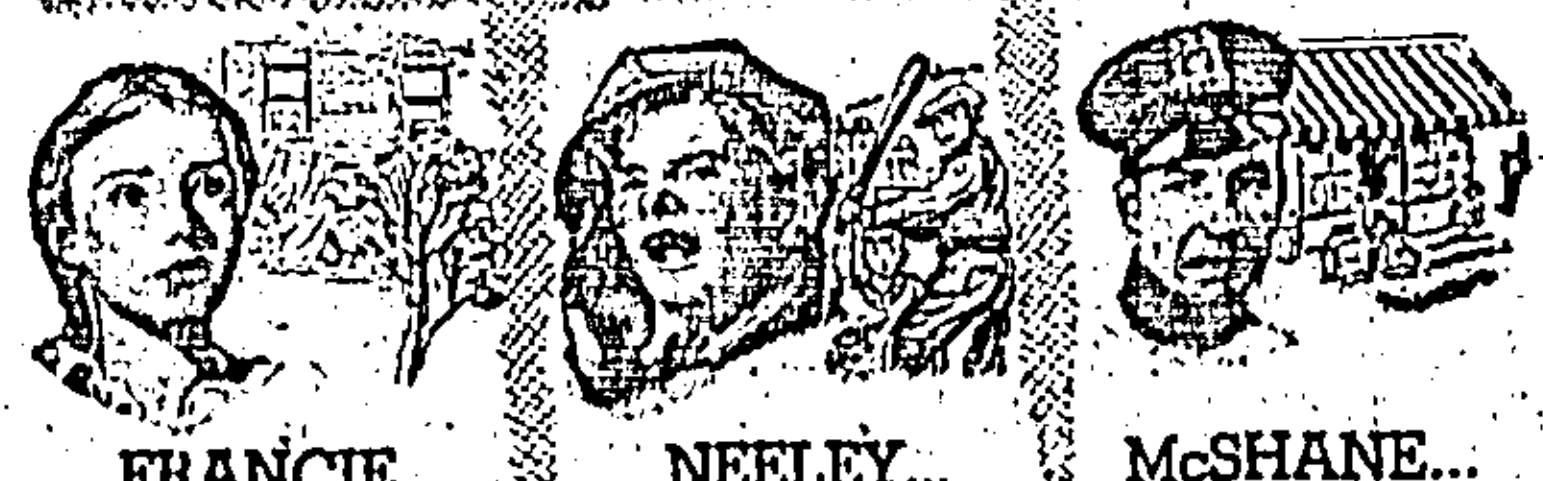
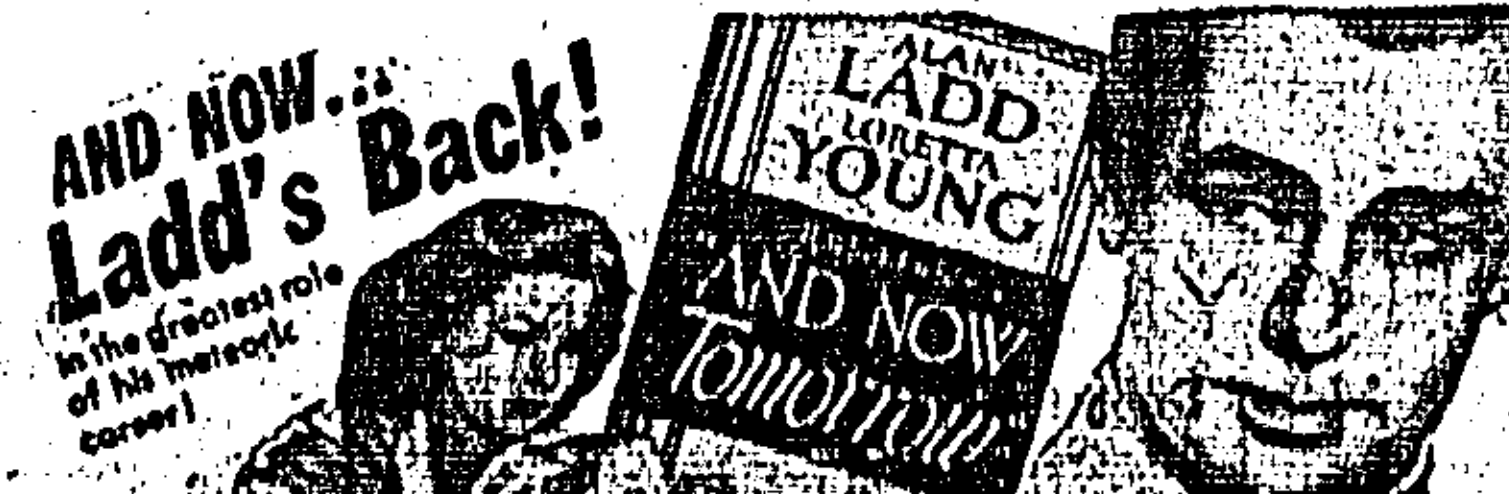
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TO-MORROW: "THE FIGHTING GUARDSMAN"

'SEVENTH VEIL'
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By ERNEST BETTS

LONDON. **B** RITISH film producers for whom nobody had a good word to say before the war, are now blushing from praise. British stars, too. They've wooed you—and they've won, even if it has taken years of persuasion to make you say "Yes."

This conclusion is clear from a poll of public opinion organised by the Daily Express. First question was: "Which do you consider the best film you saw in 1946?"

From a choice of more than 200 British and American films "Seventh Veil" was an easy winner. Next came "The Wicked Lady," "Brief Encounter," "Piccadilly Incident," "Rake's Progress," "Bells of St. Mary's" was the only American film mentioned in the first-ten list.

I DATE this change in taste from 1941, when "Target For Tonight" was the first top of the drum bringing world attention to British films. Before that, the informed film-goer, seeing a British picture billed at his local cinema, would cross the road to find an American one. Critics were lamenting the slowness, dullness and story ineptitude of our films, the lack of glamour and punch in our stars. Oh! for the polish and pace of Hollywood!

NOTICE how the stars come out in the poll. It's all Mason and Lockwood, with Ingrid Bergman and Bing Crosby trailing behind. When asked, for example, for the best performances, men and women in 1946, Mason swept the board, Rex Harrison (now a terrific Hollywood hit) came next, Michael Wilding third, Laurence Olivier fourth, Bing Crosby, sixth, Stewart Granger seventh and Ray Milland tenth.

"STAR-QUOTES"**LIZABETH SCOTT**Answers This Question:
WHAT IS YOUR GREAT-EST AMBITION?

When you say ambition to me—that's when you get me started! My greatest ambition is to be the whoppingest, best actress in Hollywood.

You can't blame me for trying. I don't want to be classed as a "personality." Something to stare at. I want to have my talents, not only spotted, but used by the public but by myself. So I'm working really to perfect myself.

As a child, my mother used to tell me to keep my emotions subdued, to be "a lady." Instead of which I was a noisy, screaming little brat, definite about everything.

Hiding Emotions
I don't believe in hiding emotions. Never did. Control them, yes, but that I'm older. But pretending not to feel what I'm feeling is out of the question.

I learned plenty from my first picture, "You Came Along." I learned even more from my next one, "The Strange Love of Martha Ivers," that drama of murder and volcanic emotions which was a tremendous success with moviegoers around the world.

I hate waits between pictures for fear I'll unlearn. I've been counter-acting that fear by furious study during my interval away from the screen. But it looks like there won't be any more intervals between pictures for me. You'll see me pretty soon again.

No Dream Roles
I have no "dream roles" in mind. If you mean do I want to play Joan of Arc or Alice in Wonderland one day, no. I've no such ideas on my mind. I can't think of any particular part I hope to do. The only thing I like is that it's a good part. You know what I mean. I am simply delighted with my roles in my next two Hal Wallis productions, "Desert Fury," co-starring me with John Hodiak, and "Dark Lane at White House," where I am co-starring with Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas. I worked hard on each of those roles, striving for my own brand of perfection. My ambition is to bring the highest degree of personal perfection to every role I play.

I want you to call me your favorite actress—and I am working hard all the time to win your praise, the praise of all the movie fans throughout the world. That's my greatest ambition. And now you know I'm trying.

(Read next Wednesday's "Tele-gram" for Ray Milland's "Star-Quotes" answers).

Actresses? Margaret Lockwood top, followed by Ann Todd, Anna Neagle and Celia Johnson. Then Ingrid Bergman. Belle Davis is tenth.

Consider these further facts in the change. Seventy-seven per cent of the voters declared that British pictures had improved, only one per cent that they had deteriorated. Eight per cent said American films had improved, but 22 per cent that they had deteriorated.

Answering the question—whether, on the whole, they preferred British to American pictures, 71 per cent voted British, 22 per cent American, 7 per cent had no preference.

DISCERNING persons will ask now, this sweeping change in taste can square with the fact that about 90 per cent of films shown on our

screens are still American. The answer is simple. Of the 400 feature films shown annually here, only about 40 are British. So the odds are really 10 to 1 against us, judged by sheer weight of numbers and money at the box-office.

All of which makes the final rating of the year's 10 outstanding films perhaps even more remarkable. This was it, in order 1 to 10—

"The Seventh Veil"	(British)
"The Wicked Lady"	"
"Brief Encounter"	"
"Piccadilly Incident"	"
"Rake's Progress"	(American)
"Bells of St. Mary's"	(British)
"The Way to the Stars"	"
"The Captive Heart"	"
"Henry V."	"
"Caesar and Cleopatra"	"

"UNDER THE BAMBOO TREE"

Judy Garland and little Margaret O'Brien do a cake-walk number in this scene from "Meet Me In St. Louis," new MGM technicolor musical which opens at the King's Theatre today. The cast also includes Mary Astor, Marjorie Main, Lucille Bremer and Leon Ames.

**ENTERTAINING
THE JAPS**

MOTION picture theatres in Japan are increasing in number, reports the motion picture Association of America. A tabulation received from the Association's export branch office in Tokyo shows a total of 1,477 theatres, an increase of 340 since January 1, 1946.

Two-thirds of these are former theatres rebuilt or repaired following war damage. Despite this new activity, the number of theatres in operation is 300 less than the pre-war total of 1,800, which means Japan has one film theatre for every 47,000 of its 73,000,000 population.

Patricia Medina, wife of British actor Richard Greene, has completed a scenario entitled "Beloved Stranger," which she says she wrote with actress Dorothy McGuire in mind. Producer William Perlberg, enthusiastic about the story, has promised to submit it to Miss McGuire. Miss Medina has a role in the film "The Foxes of Harrow," with Rex Harrison and Maureen O'Hara at Twentieth Century-Fox studios.

Authentic Cornish folk music will be recorded on film in Cornwall, England, for use in the American

picture "The Sign of the Ram" to be released by Columbia studios. And strips of the folk songs and film footage of the countryside are to be made at Lizard's Head, Cornwall, under the supervision of Seymour Friedman.

Phyllis Calvert, the British screen star, has returned to Hollywood from England to begin work in the film "My Own Love," initial production under her new contract with Paramount studios. She is co-starred with Melvyn Douglas.

Andre Charlot, French-born impresario whose stage revues in London and New York were famous in 1920, was engaged to give French lessons to Cary Grant for the latter's role in the picture "The Bishop's Wife." Charlot, frequently plays character roles in Hollywood films.

Valerie Cardew, British actress who arrived in Hollywood in April, has been given a role in the film "Mortal Coils," at Universal-International studios. She attended the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London, and appeared in two picture productions by J. Arthur Rank.

Sam Wanamaker, who directed the play "Joan of Lorraine" and co-starred in it with Ingrid Bergman, has been signed to a seven-year acting contract by Milton Sperling, head of United States Pictures at Warner Brothers studios. He will be co-starred with Lilli Palmer, the Austrian actress, in Sperling's film "Even The Beginning."

"Letter From An Unknown Woman," a famous story by Stefan Zweig, has been chosen for filming as the first production of a new picture company, formed by Joan Fontaine and Producer William Dozier. Miss Fontaine will be starred, and the film will go before the cameras with John Houseman as producer and Max Opuls as director. Opuls, whose true name is Ophuls, is a German and is now directing the Douglas Fairbanks Jr. picture, "The Exile."

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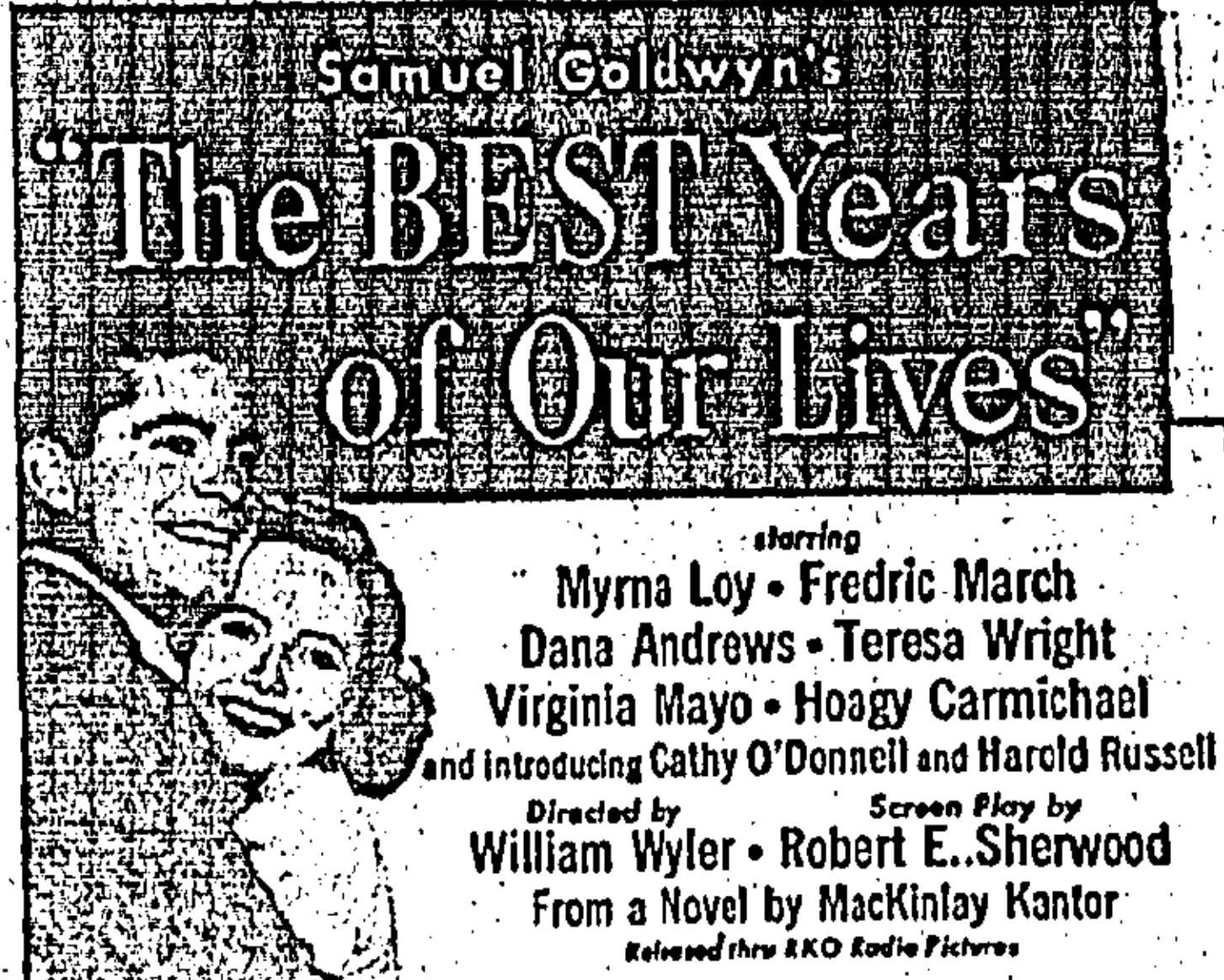
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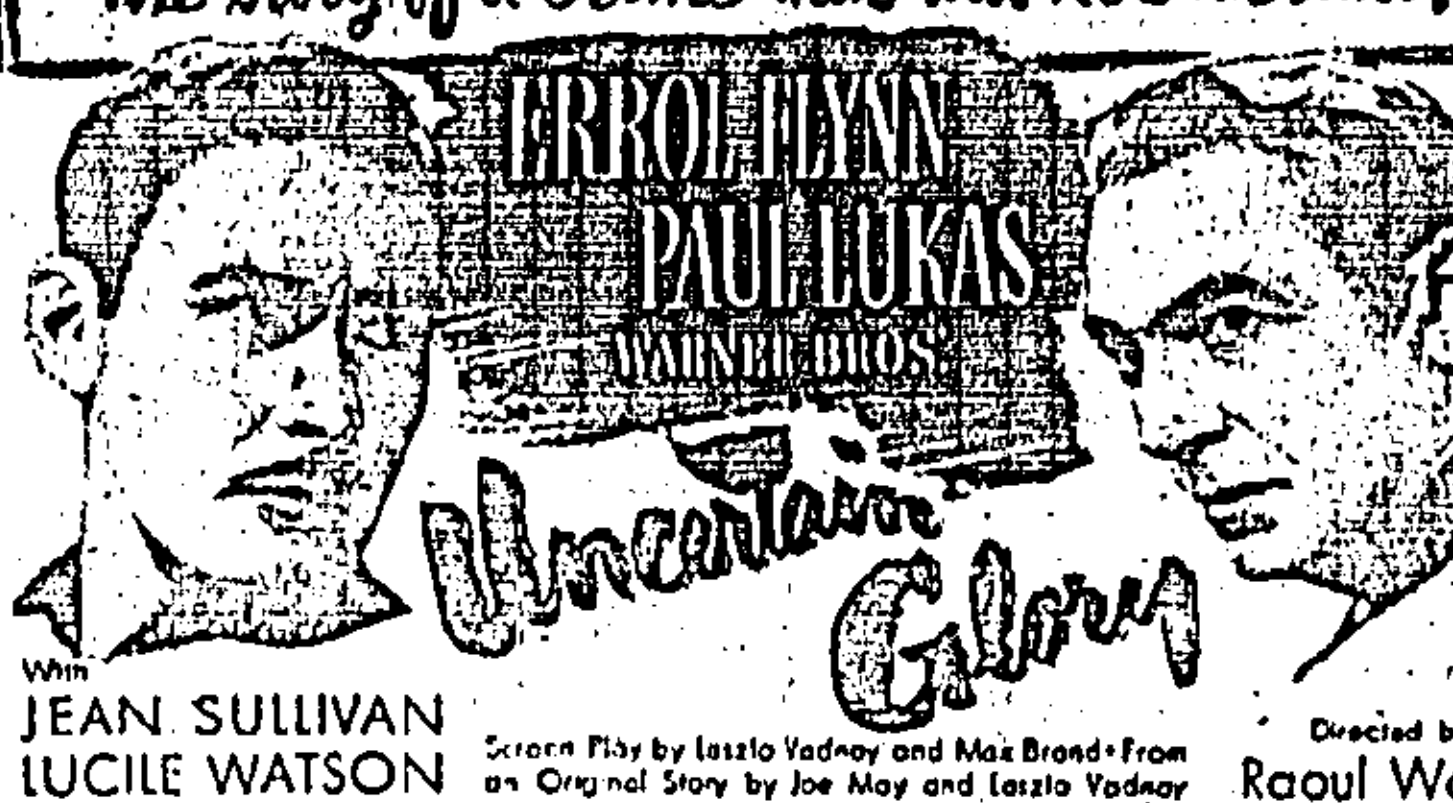
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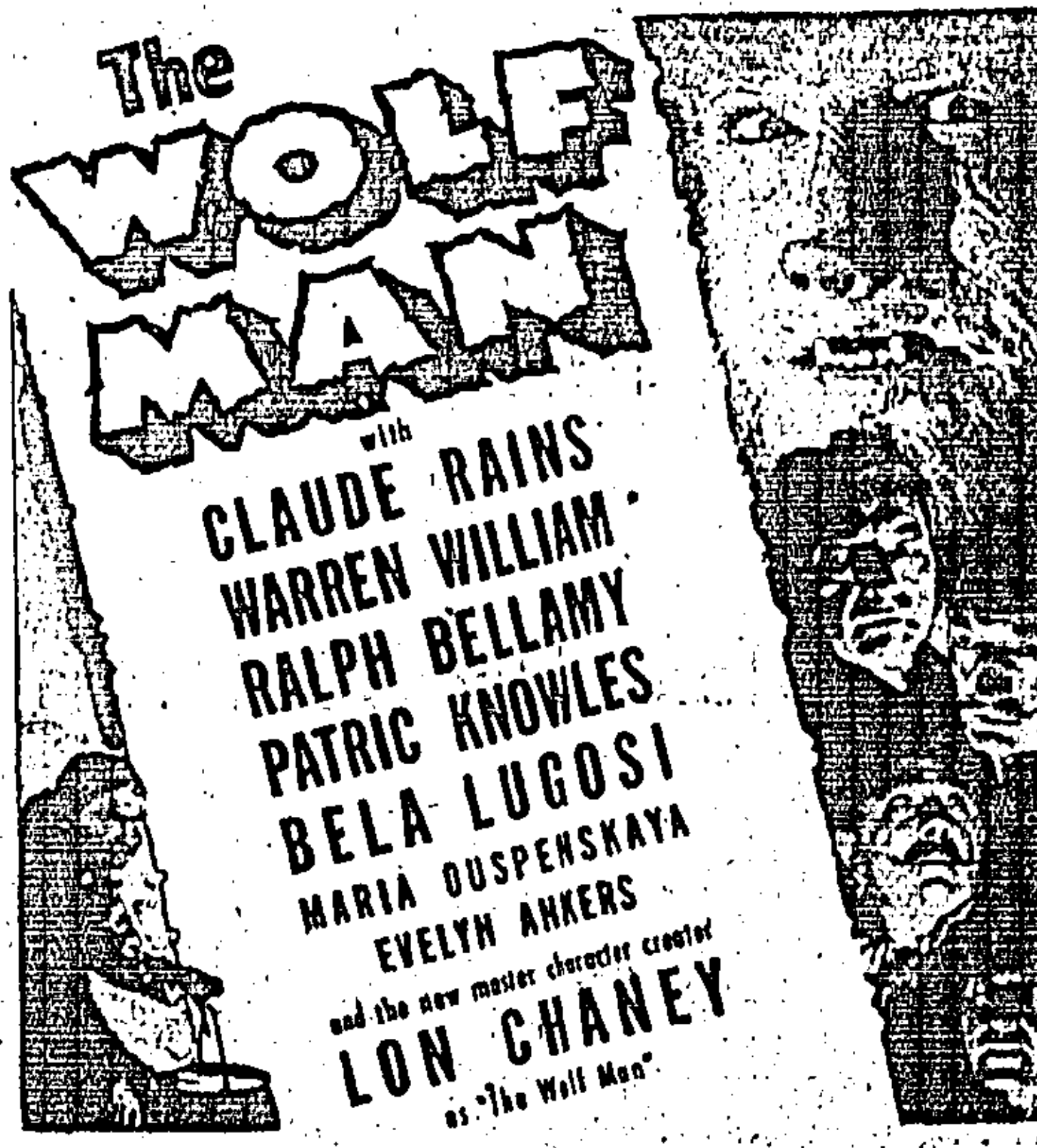
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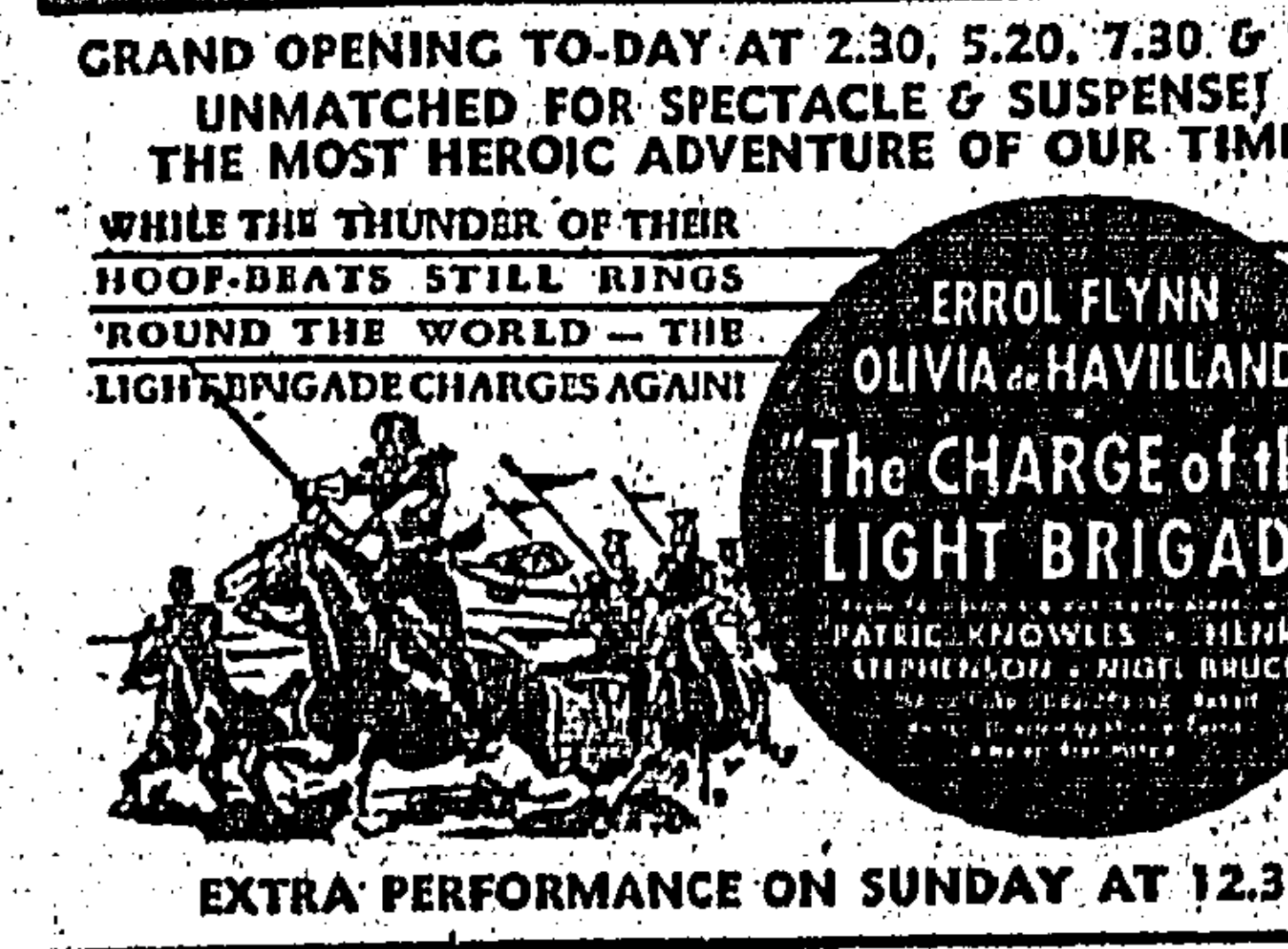
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The oddest Siamese twins



Josefa and Rosa Blazek, twins

THE birth of Siamese twins to a London mother last month in the Central Middlesex County Hospital recalls the extraordinary case, known to me personally, of a similar pair of girl twins born in Prague.

Doctors in Prague, Vienna and Berlin have left their documented testimony that these twins were the strangest example of nature's caprice ever embodied in human form.

The sisters were Josefa and Rosa Blazek. They were joined together from hips to waist, and were possessed of four legs.

When children they were exhibited by their father at fairs and music-halls for £10 a week. It was when, as young women, they retired to live quietly in Prague that the big surprise came.

BIRTH OF A SON

Rosa married and became the mother of a fine-looking boy, healthy and normal in every way.

Josefa solemnly informed the doctor that what had happened had given her the shock of her life.

The "trio" were kept in hospital until the mother and her attached sister were able to get about.

Rosa had a temperature while Josefa stayed normal.

So far as demeanour could indicate, they were two of the happiest people in the world. From comparative poverty they had suddenly become rich—thanks to the arrival of the baby.

For they had gone on exhibition again, this time for £10 a

day. They also made money from pictures of the baby and printed accounts of their story.

They were enjoying life immensely in Berlin, where I saw them on exhibition, delighted to have crowds about them, proudly holding up the baby before the eyes of the wondering masses.

They were both equally fond of the child; in fact, it would have been difficult to say, from a mere display of affection, which half was the mother.

THE YOUNG FATHER

It was like Rose, the American impresario, who first escorted me to the flat in which the twins lived. With them was a young man of 22—the baby's father.

The young man smiled and looked lovingly over at the mother. She coyly returned the glance.

The situation puzzled me. "What does Josefa think about this?" I asked. "Doesn't she object to playing gooseberry all the time?"

Josefa's reply was that if the sweethearts didn't mind, she didn't object.

It appeared that Josefa was not at all averse from the union. There was a time when she was in love with the boy, but he preferred Rosa.

PREFERRED GIRLS

At first the authorities would not allow the marriage, but Josefa told me that when it did take place she would have liked to have had a husband, too.

She greatly admired her sister's baby boy, but she said that she preferred baby girls.

The twins did appear at the Metropolitan Music Hall, Edgeware-road, London, in 1904, but a later proposed exhibition was banned.

At one time it was suggested that the child should be separated by operation, but their father would not hear of it.

W. Buchanan-Taylor

DAB... AND FLOUNDER

by Walter



Mr. Pincher hypnotises a plaice!

IT'S FUN FINDING OUT by BERNARD WICKSTEED

WHEN the boatman on the beach at Folkestone saw Mr Chapman Pincher and me he called out that it was a lovely day for a sail, and as we thought the same we hired him to take us fishing.

At the end of the day, when our money was safe in his pocket, he cleared his throat and said: "I've been a fisherman for 40 years, and I've heard some mighty tall stories in my time, but never, no sir, never before have I had to sit and listen to so many of them in one afternoon."

When we first approached the boatman he may have put us down as a couple of nice London gents out for the day, but doubts set in when Mr Pincher picked the rotting head of a dogfish from the beach and said: "Scyllium canicula."



"It's a male, as a matter of fact," he continued. "You can see that by the teeth. They are thin and sharp. The teeth of female dogfish are more flat. With some fish you can tell the sex by their eyes. The *Bothas podus*, or Mediterranean flounder, is one. The eyes of the female are close together and those of the male are wide apart."

Mr Pincher asked us to look his dogfish in the mouth and note its tongue. "All fish have tongues," he said, "but they're not protrusile."

"Not what?" said the boatman. "Protrusile. In other words," said Mr Pincher, "fish can't put out their tongues at you."

"Oh," said the boatman, and left it at that.

From non-protrusile tongues Mr Pincher switched to dogfishes' eyes. "See how deep set they are," he said. "All fish that swim fast have streamlined eyes. Pop-eyes give a wider range of vision but they interfere with speed. Flat fish have pop-eyes that can be pushed out on little turrets, but then speed doesn't matter to them."

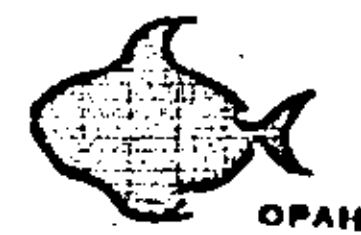
"And talking about streamlining, has it ever struck you that a fish is the opposite shape to a bullet? A fish is blunt in front and sharp at the back, while a bullet is the other way about, yet both of them are built for speed."

"The reason is that bullets go faster than sound and at supersonic speeds you have to have a sharp point in front to break down the barrier of shock waves. The back doesn't matter so much and is left flat so that the explosive charge in the cartridge can give it a good kick."

"Each day he moved the hole a little higher until finally he had the fish jumping from one compartment to the other through a hoop three inches above the surface of the water."

"There's nothing very remarkable about it really. In the state of nature fish are taught by necessity to do much more astonishing things than that. Take the local herrings, for example. They have learned that when they lay their eggs on the Channel tide sweeps the young ones over to France where the standard of living is lower."

"So in order not to deprive the offspring of their rightful British heritage the adult herrings swim over to Boulogne and the mouth of the Seine and lay their eggs there. Then when the young hatch the tides bring them back to England."



Perhaps it's because they show such thought for their young that infant mortality among herrings is fairly low. A herring lays about 30,000 eggs, which may seem a lot until you remember that a conger eel lays 50,000,000 and a ling 100,000,000.

Most fish desert their eggs as soon as they are laid, but in the few species that don't it is usually the male who looks after them. The male lump sucker would rather be stranded on the beach by the tide than desert the family eggs, and the male pipefish has a pouch like a kangaroo in which the young can take shelter.

"Fish, on the other hand, never go at more than 70 m.p.h., and at these lower speeds the resistance in front is much less important than the drag caused by eddies and vacuums behind."

Rather to the surprise of the boatman we caught several fish during the afternoon. One of them was a fair-sized plaice, and when we got it in the boat Mr Pincher said he would hypnotise it to stop it flapping about. In case you should ever want to hypnotise a plaice I'll tell you how he did it.

He took the fish in his two hands and turned it white side up. Then he laid it on the floor-boards and held it flat for two seconds, saying as he did so, "Pleuronectes platessa, lie still." That was all, but when he took his hands away the fish lay there as good as gold.

The boatman pretended not to look. I don't think he approved of people who hypnotised fish in his boat.

Naturally, Mr Pincher said the whole thing was perfectly simple. The plaice had merely gone into a cataleptic fit. Snakes sometimes do the same thing, he said. So do the golden plover and bittern.

"WHAT else can you make a fish do?" I asked.

"Well, he said, 'If you gave me enough time I could teach it to jump through a hoop. It's been done by a scientist before."

"He had a tank with two compartments and he put the fish in one and a worm in the other. To get to the worm the fish had to swim through a hole in the dividing wall."

There's a big tropical fish called the opah that goes to sleep on the surface, lying on its side like a human being. Wrasse lie down on their sides at the bottom of the sea and trigger fish go to sleep standing on their heads.

Sea fish are very heavy drinkers. There is 2½ times more salt in the sea than there is in their blood, and so the saltier water surrounding them is constantly sucking moisture from their bodies.

"The only way they can make up for this is to drink like fish, which they do. Then they have the problem of ridding themselves of excessive salt they have taken in with all the water they've drunk. This is dealt with by a mechanism in their gills which returns it to the sea."

FRESH water fish don't have this mechanism, which is why they die if you put them in the sea.

Shrimps are peculiar in this matter. Female shrimps don't mind fresh water, but their boy friends do. So you often find the females making their way up a river and then turning back when they discover they're not being followed.

The boatman had sat in silence throughout this recital, but I think the story that really got him down was the one about the tropical green-toothed parrot fish. This creature, said Mr Pincher, suffers from dental troubles that you or I would cure with a toothpick. But the green-toothed parrot fish cannot do this because he hasn't any hands.

So he lies in the water with his mouth open and encourages smaller fish to do the job for him. Isn't nature wonderful?

BBC Shortwave Programmes

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

6.00 PORTER FAVOURITES
6.30 THE RICHARD TAUBER PROGRAMME
Guest artist: Jimi Hendrix
1.00 WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
1.15 IN A SENTIMENTAL MOOD with Rex Topolinski and his Players
1.20 BUNDA SERVICE from Chatham Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. Joseph McCulloch
1.30 THE NEWS
1.35 RADIO FORFEITS
1.40 HUGH MORFON IN "MEET THE REV."
by Gale Pedrick
1.50 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS
1.55 "SWEET SERENADE"
2.00 THE NEWS
2.05 JEAN METCALFE THANKS YOU FOR YOUR LETTERS
2.10 NEW RECORDS
2.15 GRACIE FIELDS IN GRACIE'S WORKING PARTY
7. Philharmonie Hall, Liverpool
1.45 HUNTERIAN PLAYERS with Jacques Vallee
12 Midnight RADIO NEWSREEL

MONDAY, SEPT. 22

6.00 REPORT FROM INDIA AND PAKISTAN
A weekly programme in which BBC special correspondents in India describe the scene after the transfer of power to the Dominion of India and Pakistan
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK
7.00 WORLD OF WORK HEARING THE NATION'S VOICE
Fourth talk by F. C. Hooper, on the place of commerce and industry in our national life
7.15 LUCKY MILLINDER and his Orchestra (gramophone records)
7.20 SPORTING RECORD
8.00 THE NEWS
8.05 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS
8.10 STAIRWAY TO THE STARS
8.15 A TALK
8.20 NAVY MIXTURE
8.25 POPULAR GO-ROUND
12 Midnight RADIO NEWSREEL

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23

6.00 WELSH HALF-HOUR
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK
7.00 PLAIN ENGLISH
A programme about punctuation by M. Burton
7.15 MISS COCHRANE IN "THEY MADE MUSIC"
by Vincent Youmans
7.20 THE NEWS
7.25 THE ROYAL ARTILLERY (Mounted)
Conductor: David McEldin
7.30 THE NEWS
7.35 THE WELSH ORCHESTRA
7.40 THE GIN AND TONIC PORTER-BROWN (Gramophone records)
8.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS
8.05 KHAPODDY
8.10 THE NEWS
8.15 TOPICAL SURVEY
8.20 "MUCH-DEBATED-ON-THE-MAINS"
8.25 VARIETY HANDS
12 Midnight RADIO NEWSREEL

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 24

6.00 I'LL PLAY TO YOU
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK
7.00 THE NEWS
7.15 SOUTHERN SERENADE ORCHESTRA
7.20 THE NEWS
7.25 SOUTHERN OLD AND NEW
Margaret Blisset (contralto), Frederick Harvey (baritone), Entr'acte Players, directed by Sidney Crook
8.00 THE NEWS
8.05 NORMAN GRIFFITHS
8.10 THE NEWS
8.15 ARTHUR SERVENT (tenor)
8.20 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS
8.25 FOR YOUR LEISURE
8.30 "GREEN FOR DANGER"
from the Frank Launder-Sidney Gilliat film, adapted as a radio serial in six episodes by Lester Powell, based on the novel by Christianna Brand. Episode 1: The News
10.00 THE NEWS
10.05 THINK ON THESE THINGS
10.10 LONDON FORUM
11.00 MUSIC HALL
Artists include: Radcliffe and May, Natton and Manners, Gene Crowley, Anne Shelton, and Norman Evans
12.00 MIDNIGHT RADIO NEWSREEL

THURSDAY, SEPT. 25

6.00 SCOTTISH HALF-HOUR
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK
7.00 CULTURAL TALK
"Pleasure from Books." The Spinster who Wrote 'Like a Man.' Collin Brook talks about Emily Bronte, with extracts from 'Wuthering Heights'
7.15 SOUTHERN VARIETY ORCHESTRA
7.20 THE NEWS
7.25 MILITARY BAND (gramophone records)
7.30 THE NEWS
7.35 BLUE ROCKETS DANCE ORCHESTRA
8.00 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS
8.05 CAVAN O'CONNOR
8.10 ACCORDION CLUB
8.15 A TALK
8.20 JAZZ CLUB
8.25 BRITISH CONCERT HALL
Conducted and presented by Basil Cameron
London Philharmonic Orchestra
Overture: Roman Carnival.....Berlioz
Pavane for a dead Princess.....Ravel
Alborada del Gracioso.....Ravel

Tune Poem: Tintagel.....Bar Fantasy: Overture: Romeo and Juliet.....Shostakovich
12.00 MIDNIGHT RADIO NEWSREEL

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

6.00 THE DAY NINETEEN REWIND
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK
7.00 CURRENT AFFAIRS
7.15 AT YOUR REQUEST
8.00 THE NEWS
8.05 "CAN YOU HEAR IT?"
8.10 AMERICAN DANCE BANDS
8.15 DANCING THROUGH
8.20 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS
8.25 DANCING THROUGH
8.30 PRODUCTION PROSPECT
A talk by William Holt
10.10 CALLING ALL SPORTSMEN
11.00 Dulcie Gray, Reginald Tate, and Nancy Price in "REBECCA"
by Daphne du Maurier. Adapted for broadcasting by Cynthia Pugh. Part 1.
12.00 RADIO NEWSREEL

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

6.00 A TALK
6.15 DANCE MUSIC (gramophone records)
6.30 MUSIC WHILE YOU WORK
7.00 THE NEWS
The Orchestra
The Orchestra
An illustrated talk by Trevor Harvey
7.30 RADIO RHYTHM CLUB
8.00 THE NEWS
8.05 NATIONAL SPORTSREEL
8.10 "YOU'RE FOR A SONG"
8.20 FROM TODAY'S PAPERS
8.25 THE NEWS
8.30 TIP-TOP TUNES
10.00 THE NEWS
10.05 FELTON RAYLEY (theatre organ)
10.10 THE NEWS
11.00 SATURDAY OUT AND ABOUT
Including commentaries on the Knight Royal and Ascot. Adapted for broadcasting by Cynthia Pugh. Part 1.
12.00 RADIO NEWSREEL

LAST MINE SWEEP

All moored mines have been cleared from British home waters. The last sweep was recently carried out by a flotilla off the Bait of Lewis, in the Hebrides. The total of mines cleared from home and European waters by British minesweepers was given as 15,337.

On VE Day all the British Isles were in a Red danger zone. The only Red zone today is in the Thames Estuary, from North Foreland to Wallon-on-the-Neze.

At the main channels of the estuary, the search for magnetic mines ("Mags" in the minesweeping men) must continue in shallows of less than three fathoms.

Sweeping for magnetic mines is expected to continue in this area for another three years. It is being carried out by motor launches operating from Sheerness.

All channels from London to the open sea are buoyed and Admiralty minesweeping experts are satisfied about their safety.

Sealed Till 1952

Although thousands of mines have been cleared around Britain in the past two years, not one casualty has been suffered. But in the mine-infested Mediterranean about 50 British sailors have been lost on minesweeping duties. A large danger zone still exists northwest of the Faroes and in the Denmark strait off Iceland. All ships will be informed of these areas, which will remain sealed until 1952.

LARGEST CARPET

Thirty-five carpet weavers in Ashford have completed a 200-square metre carpet, the largest ever woven in that centre of the rug industry, which will be used as a drop curtain in Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre. The carpet contains 250,000 knots per square metre and weighs more than half a ton.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Isn't it just the most romantic thing ever? They first met in the back where she worked and found out about him having so much money!"



Thinking Aloud

by PAUL HOLT

I was drinking quite peaceably in the bar at "Bless the Bride" with the author, Sir Van Herbert, when four large men entered. They were inscrutable and exclusive and clearly detectives.

They had come on a report that a clergyman in brown boots (etc.) was in the front row. It might be that poor chap from Broadmoor. Cried Sir Alan in alarm: "But you're not going to arrest him until after the show, are you? It's a good show, you know...."

The detectives settled for the first interval.

They got their man neatly in the stalls gangway. He turned out to be a real clergyman. I heard him saying ruefully as he put his identity card away: "I wish I'd gone to the Victoria Palace now."

"That poor chap from Broadmoor," a killer today has all our sympathy if he is insane.

Our ancestors found insanity terrible funny. Now we find it pitiable. Perhaps there is a hope that our sons and daughters will be able to say, in a tone of mild irritation:

"There's that nice Mr Jones, mad again, my dear. Really, you know, the doctors should have cured him by now. One would think they weren't trying."

Harry the Mole

AN urgent cablegram from my spiv friend Harry the Mole, who is holidaying in America just now—

"Dear Fred, I've been supporting poor American soft fruit canners stop likewise tobacco brokers stop Paul dear friend do you realise they are starving repeat starving because our wicked Socialist Gov. will not buy at these prices stop can nothing be done for these poor men

query. In words of that grand old song quoteaddy can you spare them a dime query unquote yrs affecntly H. the Mole. pee ess tell the barrow boys to hang on stop help is coming end message."

Those babies

THE loveliest age for a baby? I'd say 19. By then the child should have lost that factious look, that Churchillian surliness, that gawkiness, that dumppiness, that priggishness, superciliousness and "aren't grown-ups terrible?" air, that was childhood.

By then the child should be showing whether he or she has any chance of being a human being or no.

Hard on Henry

PROTESTANTISM, says the Rev. W. M. Parker of West Wickham, Kent, seems to have failed singularly to keep England a Christian country, and the best solution is for us all to become Roman Catholics. It seems a bit hard on the late Henry VIII.

Marriage—

BECAUSE Mrs Floyd Edmunds knocked off her husband's hat in full view of the natives in India he was granted a decree.

Although Mrs Jessie Walker refused to shop or cook for her husband and would not get up until he had left the house he was refused a decree.

Let's make up our minds about this thing: You may call it cruelty, humiliation, incompatibility, desertion or anything else you wish; the truth is that people go to the divorce courts because they don't

like each other any more. Adultery has little to do with it, although the lawyers still try to make it seem so.

If the law is willing to help Mr Edmunds in his desire to be free, why not Mr Walker?

—and pride

MARRIAGE holds the oddest complications. John, a bearded insurance assessor (late of the Navy) loves racing. His wife Jane stays home of a Saturday to take the baby for an airing while he goes to Hurst Park. Occasionally a neighbour will take in baby and then Jane (sandwiches wrapped in napkin) goes, too.

John is the expert. He knows an easy card from a hard one every time. He hangs around in the ring talking to knowledgeable characters while Jane runs errands to and from the bookie.

Now John is having a bad season. He says things like "My dear fellow, you can't win if you don't have the capital behind you to start with. More you speculate more you accumulate, you know."

Jane does fine. Her hunch half-crowns net her three pounds in an afternoon. John used to joke with her about it until the other afternoon. Then he had sent her to place a 10s. tote double. In her hurry and her anxiety she made it a £10 tote double; was too shy to correct her error, and came back miserably.

The double came up and Jane came back waving the hundred or so in a trill of excitement. John regarded her coldly.

"You might have ruined us," he said.

They don't talk much now. You see his pride is hurt.

Short short story

A MAN I know bought a parrot and tried to teach it to talk. But the parrot won. Now the man says nothing at all.

EVERY SATURDAY

WOMANSENSE FULL-PAGE FEATURE

WELFARE CENTRE HELPS MANY POOR IN KOWLOON

TWO brown-frame buildings nestled on a pine-fringed hillside off Nathan Road house the Kowloon Centre of the Hongkong Social Welfare Council.

Scarcely noticed from the street and unknown to many residents, the Centre each day is thronged with the weary, the puzzled, the sick and the undernourished, who look to it as a haven of help and hope. Most of the approximately 400 people who go through its doors daily are Chinese mothers and babies and boys and girls, although some men, too, make use of the Centre.

The Centre is the heart of welfare work in Kowloon. It was opened nine months ago and is financed by public and private funds. Three agencies—the Society for the Protection of Children, the Social Welfare Council, and the Boys and Girls Clubs Association—work side by side under one roof, and their distinct but co-ordinated activities offer many services to the underprivileged.

Old and Young Aided

A babble of voices advertises the Centre as you approach. On the porch outside, a mulimed man huddles in the sunshine along with several mothers with babies on their backs and toddlers clinging to their trousers; they are waiting for the congee which is distributed twice daily to the undernourished.

An office, interview room, and combined school and dining room are in the first building. In the interview section adults talk to trained workers of the Social Welfare Council, who help them with problems ranging from loans or monetary assistance to schooling and illness.

There is an open square between the two structures, and here boys from 6 to 14 industriously scrub their worn clothing, hanging it neatly on lines to dry. Mothers bathe their babies or wash clothes, for many of them are street-sleepers or live in the Colony's ruins or slums, where no water is available.

Everyone looks well-scrubbed. Cleanliness is stressed by all three agencies, and the free showers on the grounds are in constant use.

S.P.C. Weighs Babies

In the second building three S.P.C. lady inspectors, two of them qualified nurses, teach mothers how to care for their babies, distribute free milk and orange juice, and arrange for medical treatment if necessary. Breast feeding is encouraged, and often a mother who has been unable to nurse her baby can do so when her inadequate diet is supplemented by free congee at the Centre.

Babies are weighed regularly to see that they are making proper progress. Several twins and two sets of triplets are among the many infants brought to the Centre regularly.

Home visits are a regular part of the Society's programme. The milk distribution is for babies up to 18 months, although the time limit is extended in some cases.

S.P.C. activities take up two rooms, and the third is occupied by the Boys' Club, which offers a daily programme of physical training, games and special interests.

250 Get Congee Daily

Approximately 250 persons a day get free congee at the nutrition centre operated by the Welfare Council. The rice gruel is made in a spotless kitchen from a formula worked out by government nutritionists. It is supplemented with fish, or eggs in addition to vegetables and beans or potatoes.

A total of 5,550 bowls of congee were served in August, and more than three-fourths of these went to children. The recipients came from the Welfare Council, the S.P.C., and the Boys' Club.

The case work division of the Centre, staffed by three trained workers, aided 402 families and individuals last month. The destitute are referred to government sources for food, but the Social Welfare Council helps many a family to get on its feet and become self-supporting.

Temporary financial aid is given in some cases and loans in others. "Almost all the loans are paid back," said Mrs. F. Lee, senior case worker.

Activities Varied

Council workers make home visits and keep records of each applicant. They find jobs when possible—"although this is our most difficult problem,"—pay school fees in special instances, distribute food parcels to some tuberculosis sufferers, and supply clothing when it is available.

Because of lack of space in government schools, the Welfare Council recently started an evening school for poor children. This is attended by 74 boys and girls. The school is an emergency measure and will close when government schools can take all children.

Another Centre activity is an amusements evening training school, which trains young girls in washing, sewing, and cooking.

Most of the hundreds of persons who use the Kowloon Centre are old residents of the Colony. Occasionally a newcomer asks assistance in returning to his village, and he is referred to the proper government agency.

The major aim of all three agencies sharing the premises is to help regular residents bring up healthy families and become self-supporting and self-respecting citizens. The Kowloon programme is part of a broader scheme embracing the whole Colony, although progress on the island is hampered by lack of building sites and office space.

Looking Back...

By Anne Edwards

ONE day recently Mrs. Ronald Flack, wife of a fish, poultry, and provision merchant—a slim, pretty Scots-woman, who lives at 87, Delamere-road, Ealing, did her morning shopping, took her mother for lunch and a look round the shops, and then went home to cook dinner for her husband in Ealing.

Ten summers ago such routine was unthought of. Then she was Miss Isobel Watson, a beauty queen, who became Britain's Loveliest Bathing Belle.

And in that so-gay, pre-war summer, beauty queens had a royal time.

Today not even the neighbours suspect that this quiet, well-dressed suburban wife was collecting headlines, stage offers, radio contracts, and the envy which paved the way for pre-war glamour queens.

For one unreal summer she drove up and down Scotland, all expenses paid, was the belle of carnivals and banquets, was deluged with bouquets of flowers and five-pound boxes of chocolates.

In the next three years she collected these titles—Most Perfect Figure in Scotland, Britain's Best Dressed Girl, and in three separate competitions the Girl with the Loveliest Hair, Eyes, Legs in Britain.

All that was many summers back. For the last seven years she has kept house for her husband, done the shopping and cooking, lived quietly in the little house her father-in-law gave.

What about those days when they laid down the red carpet for her?



Isobel Watson

Isobel Flack says: "Being a beauty queen was fun while it lasted—but I was younger then. I went in for beauty competitions as a commercial proposition. I won about £250."

"I think most girls go into it for fun, then they get practically forced into a modelling or a stage career. It depends on the girl whether she lets the whole thing turn her head; the ones who didn't make use of their success for a career have, at any rate, met their husbands that way."

"Beauty queens today are much more sophisticated than we were; now they try to look 25—we were pleased to be able to look 17."

And a final word from a beauty queen to those who are now taking her place: "Cash in quickly. Next year they won't even remember your face!"

Portuguese Dinner Is Adventure In Cooking

By DIXIE TAYLOR

HAVING a Portuguese dinner at a Portuguese home in the Colony is a real adventure in eating. And preparing a Portuguese meal in your own home is an adventure in cooking.

Portuguese food is often, though not always, highly spiced. The main dish usually, though not always, combines several ingredients. The preparation process is sometimes involved, sometimes easy. You have a choice of the elaborate or the simple and can suit your own mood and appetite.

The menu and instructions for preparing a typical Portuguese dinner come from Mrs. L. M. dos Remedios, long-time resident of the Colony. She suggests—as a main dish "Arroz Gordo," which literally means "fat rice" and is one of the most famous of all Portuguese dishes. The writer can testify that it's a dish that, once tried, you'll want to have again and again. And it's not hard to prepare.

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Because arroz gordo is filling, you don't want a heavy first course. A clear chicken broth is good and, with an eye for economy, you can make it from the feet, neck, head and giblets of the chickens used in the main course.

After that comes the arroz gordo, a combination of rice, three kinds of meat and savouries. The accompanying vegetable is sautéed fresh cabbage or tinned sauerkraut. A mild sweet after so tasty a main course—"Bibina de Leite," a "pudding of milk." Truly a meal for the most discriminating!

Our contributor recommends preparing arroz gordo for 10 to 12 persons. It's good warmed over, even if you don't want to have a large dinner party. The ingredients:

- 1 tin Paio
- 2 chickens
- 2 pig trotters
- 2 tins tomato paste
- 7 cups rice
- Raisins
- Shallots
- Crotons

Paio is a special Portuguese sausage available in tins at Colony shops specialising in Macao products. Choose fairly young chickens weighing around three pounds.

Cut the chicken and trotters into pieces. Place in a large sauce pan, cover with 7 to 8 cups of cold water, and boil about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally to prevent the meat from sticking. Remove the chicken and trotter to one side, and save the liquid.

Heat the two tins of tomato paste, adding extra spices if desired. When it is simmering and "smells good," stir in the uncooked rice. Simmer in the paste, stirring occasionally, until the rice grains have absorbed the paste and become a pinkish-red colour.

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Meanwhile start frying the chicken and trotter. This should not take more than a half hour, but allow enough time for the meats to get thoroughly done.

Put the "red rice" into the soup in which you boiled the chicken and trotter. (The liquid should be just about the right amount for the seven cups of rice.) Remove the

sausages from the can and stick into the rice. Cooking will require about 20 minutes.

Toast bread cubes until crisp. Fry the shallots, which have been cut into pieces.

Now you are ready to combine the ingredients. Remove the sauce from the rice and cut into pieces. Pile the rice on a huge platter. Arrange the chicken, sausage and trotter on top. Sprinkle with the shallots, crotons and raisins. Serve immediately, accompanied by sweet mango chutney.

The slightly sweet taste of arroz gordo makes a "sourish" vegetable the best accompaniment. Mrs. Remedios uses tinned sauerkraut now that fresh cabbage is not easy to obtain. When cabbage is in season, boil it in the usual way and flavour with vinegar.

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Bibina de leite to serve 10 calls for:

- 1 coconut
- 1 large tin sweetened condensed milk
- ¼ pound butter
- 8 egg yolks
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 1 ½ cups cornstarch
- 8 cups water

Grate the coconut and stalk it in boiling water about 30 minutes. Squeeze through a mosquito netting or piece of coarse material. This gives you a nice and tasty coconut milk.

Sift the cornstarch and mix thoroughly with the sugar. Gradually stir into about one cup of the water and blend to a smooth paste. Add the egg yolks, making sure they are mixed thoroughly. Stir in the rest of the water, the condensed milk, and the coconut juice.

Place the mixture in a sauce pan, add the butter, and cook over a low fire until it comes to a boil and thickens. Continuous stirring is required to blend in the butter and keep the pudding from sticking.

Transfer the bibina de leite from the sauce pan to a baking dish, preferably one of heat-resistant glass. Bake in a hot oven 10 minutes or until brown. Serve hot or cold.

Tricky though this Portuguese dinner may sound, it is not hard to prepare. The custard can be made in advance. Not more than two hours is required for preparing the arroz gordo—less when you have had a bit of experience. And the results will make your efforts well worth while.

THE WOMAN PAYS!

Huge profits are made on sale of women's clothes in Britain, members of the National Union of Tailors and Garment Workers declared recently. The women charged that, in making costumes which cost no more than 11s.9d to make were being sold in shops for HK\$30 and more.

The swimmers, said one worker, "are nothing but a brassiere, with a strap around the neck, and panties—less than a yard of material in the whole outfit. There is half an hour's work in them."

Speakers claimed that dresses retailed in London for HK\$320 actually were produced for HK\$80, including labour costs and materials. They said a similar situation prevailed in other lines of women's wear.

Full Skirt In London Style News

By Caroline Fox

WAISTS two inches smaller, skirts two inches longer and as full as a peasant woman's—that is the most revolutionary news from the London autumn fashion shows.

It started in Paris months ago. Parisiennes adored it... ever since Marie Antoinette they have loved playing milkmaids.

No coupon worry

Americans welcomed it—they were tired of looking like emaciated pencils. Anyway, they don't need to bother about coupons.

Englishwomen view it with alarm. But don't worry, it won't sweep the country.

For the full skirt is only for slender and lovely figures. If your waist is over 26, your hips over 36, it makes you look about to follow dance. Which cuts out a lot of people.

It is not a practical style for the designers. They can obtain only a limited amount of material, are permitted by the Board of Trade only to charge a set number of coupons, to make a set margin of profit.

Clearly, the more material in each frock, the fewer they can cut out of the yardage and the less profit they can make.

'Was' corsets

Also, the fewer clothes there are to go round. So it does not pay them to make more than a few extravagant fashions.

But for those few fashion-conscious women who also have the right figures there will be a choice of immensely full skirted frocks and suits in the shops in the autumn.

Coupon rates will not increase, but some dresses will be sold only with their own stiffened canvas petticoats—four coupons extra.

Most difficult to wear, skirts are these gathered from tiny waistbands which demand a "wasp" corset. Elastic on figure and material are sun-ray pleats and unpressed pleats that swing out from flat hips. Jackets to wear with them have padded hips and flared peplums—bulky. Or waist-fitting hug-me-tight prettier.

Coats to wear over them are a problem which few designers have tackled. They must be as full skirted as the dresses, which is clumsy; or else very loose fitting.

But there are alternative lines that are smart.... peg-top skirts, narrow at the hem and widening with deep tucks at the hips; flat-pleated skirts with give-easy swing without bulk; loose, straight, finger-pleated coats worn over slender frocks; much side-hip draping; big, bold, loose-armed, swing-backed topcoats, comforting for winter wear; many coats with caped tops or curved yokes.

Plaid topcoats

Most shoulders are rounded; necklines are high, sometimes with a V at the back; nearest sleeves are pushed up to just below the elbow; nearest detail is—saddle stitching—on belts, pleats, yokes; nearest colouring, snuffbrown and black in a check coat with a black velvet collar over a black dress; in a frock and jacket enlivened with black braids; gayest are plaid topcoats over plain suits.

Biggest headache.... all skirts are longer, so you will have to let down last year's topcoat and risk a ridge—or be defiant and wear it short over your new long dress.



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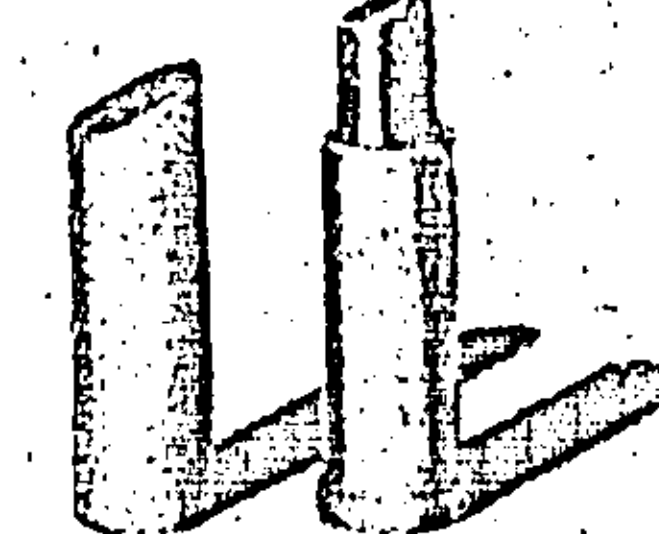
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SECOND INSTALMENT OF A THRILLING NARRATIVE

SECRET AGENT

British traitor betrays three of my best men

by Lieut.-Com.

PATRICK O'LEARY, G.C., D.S.O., R.N.

WHEN I took control of "Pat," the first great problem was money. Without money we could not pay the Spanish guards who led our escaped prisoners across the Pyrenees; we could not bribe when bribes were essential; and we could not buy the vital food we needed.

I set out to solve the money problem—and had an amazing stroke of luck.

I discovered, by accident, that J. and P. Coats, the spinners, had a representative in France. He had been in charge of their French factories, and when I contacted him I found that he was holding millions of francs on behalf of his company—and hadn't the faintest hope of getting the money out.

I arranged that he should hand the francs over to me while the British Government, in London, paid his firm the equivalent in sterling.

On an average it cost about £300 to get each prisoner out of Occupied Europe.

Ideal hide-out

THE money problem solved, I set about dealing with the suspected traitor "X"—an Englishman who, as I said last week, was ultimately shot in Paris while resisting arrest after the war when we caught up with him.

I ordered "X" to come to Marseilles.

We were then working from a doctor's flat. This made an ideal hide-out, for patients were passing in and out at all hours, and no suspicions were aroused.

"X" duly arrived. And here let me give the devil his due. He had brought a number of men safely south, and when these men returned to Britain they spoke so well of him that I was later to find it very difficult to convince the authorities in Britain that he was a traitor at all.

Stormy meeting

MY three chief lieutenants were Bruce Dowding, a young Australian, Prassinios, a Greek, and Duprez, from Lille. They were with me when "X" arrived.

It was a stormy meeting. I lost my temper and hit "X" so hard that I broke the knuckles in my right hand and will carry the disfigurement to my grave.

"Pat" declared Dowding, "there's only one thing to do with him. Kill him or he'll betray us all."

"But we haven't proved he's a traitor yet," put in the Greek. I hesitated, and in doing so made an error of judgment that was to cost Dowding, Duprez and Prassinios their lives.

"Look here," I said to "X," who was slumped in a chair with blood pouring from his face and tears streaming from his eyes, "you'd better go back to England."

"I won't tell the authorities there anything about this, and I'll even recommend you for a decoration. After all, you have done some good work. Will you go?" "X" nodded.

"Then I'll meet you, today week, at the corner of the Boulevard, at seven in the evening," I said, "and you can go back to England by the Spanish route."

"X" did not keep that rendezvous. With his removal from our ranks, we had to reconstruct the organisation in the north—and Dowding volunteered to be the key man. We met in Lille, and I took Bruce around to meet our various workers.

One of the most active was Abbe Carpenter, an Abbeville, a priest with a secret printing press and all the facilities for forging identity cards, demobilisation papers and ration books.

WHEN I reached the outskirts of Lille on a return visit shortly afterwards, bad news began to pour in on me.

One of our workers told me to keep out of the town. He reported that Postelviney, one of our best men in Paris, had been arrested by the Gestapo, and added that he suspected there was something seriously wrong.

I found Postelviney's sister, and had my worst fears confirmed. "X," whom she knew well, had been with the Gestapo when the house was raided.



In England, the war over, three men talk over their adventures . . . Lieut.-Com. O'Leary is in the centre, on the left is M. Maurice Dufour, former French officer and member of the organisation known as "Pat." On the right is Squadron-Leader Jimmy Higginson, who escaped from the Germans disguised as a priest.

I learned that Dowding, Duprez and the Abbe Carpenter had all been rounded up.

I was never to see them again. The Abbe was in the Prison de Loos, near Lille, and several of our sympathisers were prison guards. I contacted one of them, and got him to smuggle a message to the Abbe in which I asked about his arrest.

I had a reply within a few days—a pencilled letter of six pages which told the whole grim story and incriminated "X."

Betrayed

THE Abbe was in his office one morning when "X"—whom the Abbe knew—arrived with three strangers, and introduced them as escaping R.A.F. pilots in urgent need of false papers.

The Abbe took them into his study, opened his large desk, and from secret drawers proceeded to take out false identity papers, ration books and demobilisation cards.

"X" then produced passport photographs of the men, and the Abbe bent over his desk to complete the work.

Suddenly he looked up and found himself gazing into the muzzles of three revolvers. The alleged escapees were from the Gestapo.

The Abbe, along with Bruce Dowding, was later beheaded. Prassinios was shot.

Duprez died in a concentration camp. I returned to Marseilles feeling suicidally depressed.

Our organisation in the north had been broken up again, and a key man was in prison along with 23 other workers and dozens of R.A.F. men were in hiding, on the scantiest rations, in farmsteads and cottages throughout the northern area.

Had I laid hands on "X" then, I would have torn him limb from limb. The authorities in London were so surprised at my news about "X" that they ordered me to report to Gibraltar, to discuss the whole set-up with an agent who was flown from London to meet me.

I travelled, taking with me the Abbe Carpenter's letter and other incriminating evidence.

From the day I produced them at Gibraltar "X" was a wanted man.

A new route

MY stay in Gibraltar lasted six weeks, and resulted in the opening up of another escape route. It was arranged that men would be picked up off the Mediterranean coast and taken straight to Gibraltar.

In this grim battle of wits there were amusing incidents. On one occasion we had a fighter pilot, Squadron-Leader J. Higginson, in hiding in Monte Carlo.

The Monte Carlo to Marseilles route was full of dangers. It was controlled by the Dorog police, who were every bit as vicious as the Gestapo, and we had to be certain that the "parcel" was well disguised.

Fortunately, we also had a Polish priest in hiding and he had two suits of clerical black.

So we dressed Higginson in one of these complete with Roman collar, and boarded the train.

There was only one seat in the compartment which Higginson took. He leaned down and I heard Higginson, in a hoarse whisper, say: "For God's sake lend me your Bible."

On edge

AN elderly woman, anxious to be at the friendly terms with the clergy started jabbering away in French to Higginson—and he didn't speak a word of the language.

I explained to the good lady that she had made him somewhat deaf and he was very tired. That silenced her for the time being and I rejoined the Polish priest.

But Higginson was very much on edge and suddenly his hand came out round the compartment door to grab the Polish priest by the coat.

Higginson, who was neither a priest nor a Catholic, grabbed the breviary with obvious gratitude and started to read the Latin as though his life depended on it.

We got him home all right.

Love letters

WE also sent home an attractive young Englishwoman, who contacted me in Marseilles, admitted that she had been working as a Gestapo agent, but was now anxious to serve in our organisation.

Her husband was a Mayfair "play-boy." As soon as she left I came across two trunks she had left behind.

I searched them and found bundles of love letters written to her by the Chief of the Gestapo at Nantes, along with a number of pictures showing the "happy couple" together.

I sent these back to London, and when the former woman Gestapo agent landed in her native country she found Scotland Yard waiting for her.

THE problem of traitors, spies and Gestapo agents grew as time went by. Whenever we lost a worker—through capture, ill-health or pressing domestic cares—we had to replace him.

But it was the hardest job on earth when investigating the credibility of a newcomer to know whether the man was genuine or not—especially as Gestapo agents always had the best references!

Man in a cafe

ONE day, in January 1943, following the arrest of one of my best workers, I was approached by a man—a native of Alsace—who wanted to meet me in a Marseilles cafe.

I had to be cautious, but I did see him, and he opened the conversation by asking me if I would pay him two million francs for a copy of the German naval code.

I leaned across the rickety cafe table.

"What proof have you that your copy is the code?" I asked. "You'll have to take my word for it," he replied.

"We don't take anyone's word nowadays," I replied. "If you want to work for any organisation, then you have to prove your worth."

"Could you, for example, get the names and full descriptions of any German agents recently landed in Britain by parachute or U boat?"

The stranger replied that he could, so I gave him enough money for the return trip to Paris. And told him to contact me on his return.

And sure enough he did return—but I could not meet him. I had an urgent escape job on hand, so had to send one of my men.

The stranger brought back with him the names and descriptions of three German spies who had been landed in England.

Suspicious

BUT my man was suspicious because he had noticed certain documents in the stranger's possession, and all the facts were reported to me.

There and then we decided that the stranger would make a trip to the Pyrenees—from which, for Gestapo agents, there was no return.

He set off with four "parcels"—our name for escaping prisoners—and instructions to lead them into the mountains to a certain rendezvous, where he was to hand them over to one Vidal, a Spaniard who worked for us.

Vidal later fell into the hands of the Germans and was burned alive. But even when faced with this terrible death he refused to give a scrap of information about us.

The great heroes of the war were not entirely confined to the battlefronts.

What the man from Alsace did not know was that men from "Pat" were following, men acting on strict instructions from me.

Cornered

UP in the mountains they watched the "parcels" being handed over, and then cornered the stranger.

They searched him and found all they needed to find in the way of incriminating evidence.

This Gestapo spy was taken to a deserted crevice, stripped of all his clothes, and his mouth was forced open.

A small pill of cyanide of potassium was slipped between his jaws, and within five seconds he was dead.

The upper part of the corpse was then saturated with petrol and set alight. In less time than it takes to tell the body was unrecognisable.

It seems grim—and it was grim. But we were all living under the shadow of the Gestapo, and we either had to eliminate or be eliminated.

If the rocks of the Pyrenees could speak they would tell one of the grimest stories in history.

Hundreds of people, listed as "missing," are actually rotting heaps of bones, hidden on peaks for ever, in crevices and crannies among those desolate heights.

And even if the remains are ever discovered they will never be recognised.

Next week

44 men snatched from the enemy

The Future Of Hongkong Is In The Air

Comment by "Candidus"

THE fault may well lie in the fact that Hongkong possesses no body which presses our needs and problems. One becomes almost tired in indulging in visionary dreams of the potentialities of this "Gateway to the Far East," as it has so often been termed by those who appreciate Hongkong's importance.

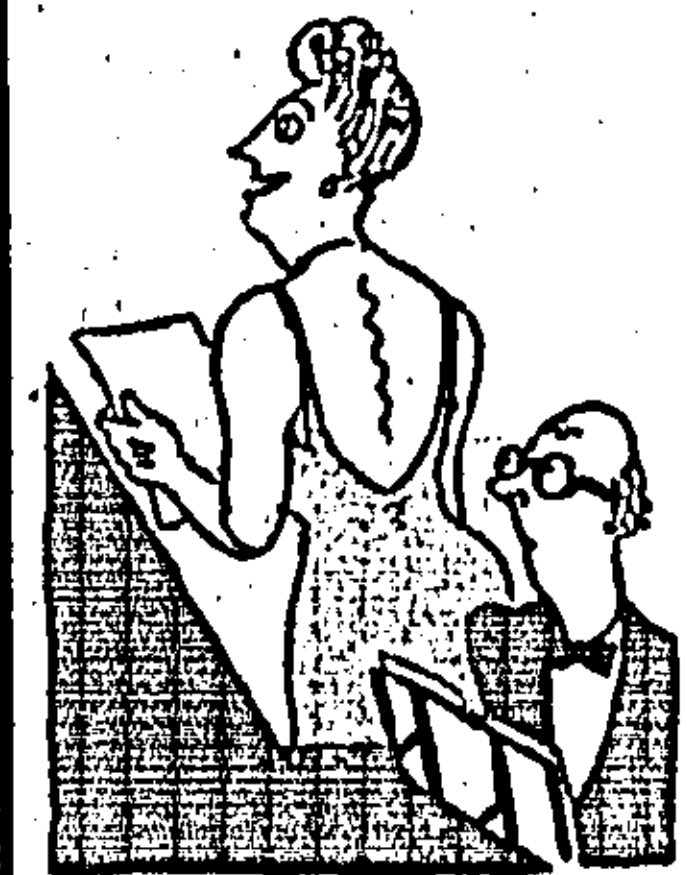
THERE is no doubt that we have entered a transitional period insofar as the transportation of merchandise is concerned, and there is also no possible doubt whatever that Hongkong can become as important as an airport as she has as a seaport. That any doubt should exist in the minds of those who control our destiny is astounding.

The normal course of events has decided whether the Colony should become a major airport and it will be only the blindness of those who cannot see it, through lack of initiative or appreciation, Hongkong slips into a backward place in this part of the world.

We have a General Chamber of Commerce and a Chinese Chamber

POCKET CARTOON

by OSBERT LANCASTER



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THERE is in horticultural circles much disagreement, and not a little confusion, about which way the Colorado beetle wears its black and yellow stripes; that is, whether the stripes run (a) lengthwise along its back, or (b) in hoops, Rugger fashion.

The Ministry of Agriculture (Beetles in Potatoes Division) now authorises me to say that style (a) is correct for all Colorados. Only wasps wear them the other way.

I would add that whereas our native ladybird has black spots on a red ground, the insect of similar size, temperament, and habits, but which has red spots on a black ground, is the Norwegian eskelbord, or scold fly. I hardly dare hope to expect the matter will ever again be brought up.

Old and mild

MORE to keep our hand in than to amuse you we interviewed our nearest centenarian last week. He was, as we had been given to expect, an elderly man. "Tell us," we asked, "what do you suspect is the cause of your long and dreary life?"

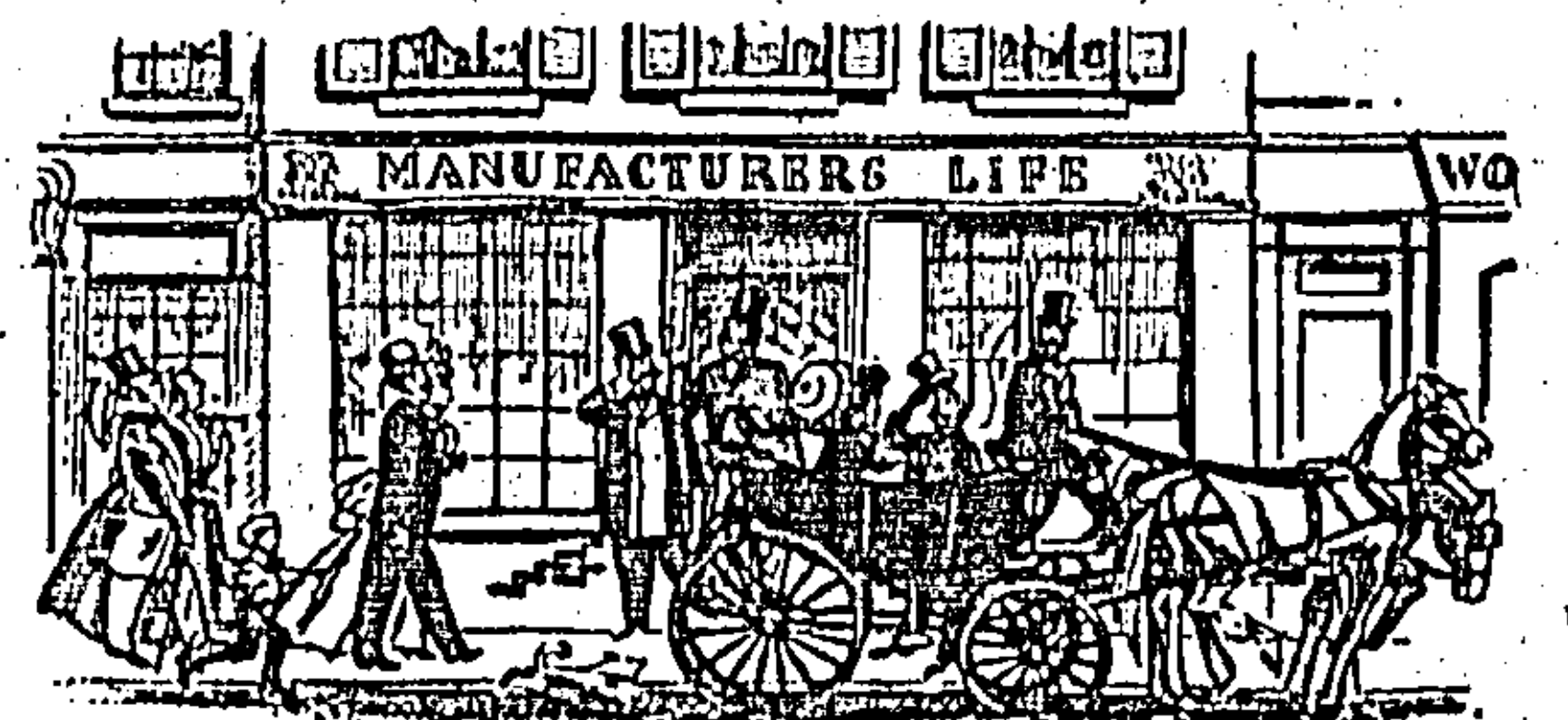
"Well," the old gentleman croaked, "I like a nice glass of beer. I always have a nice drop at eleven, say a couple of pints or so, and I find a pint or two at dinner gives me a bit of an appetite and a quart during the afternoon perks me up a treat, but what I look forward to is the old galkan jar the wife puts by me bed at night, it takes away the taste of me supper beer I always say."

"That's a lot of beer," we said. "Now, tell us, Mr.—er—how do you feel in yourself?"

"Now it's funny you should ask that," the old set mumbled. "As a matter of fact when I get up in the morning I feel absolutely shocking."

World sport

BY radio from the Queen Elizabeth I hear that in the ship's sports Miss Myrna Tandy, of Des Moines, Iowa, set up a new eastbound record for the Ladies' Port-rail to Starboard-rail Obstacle Race, finishing quite fresh and in the comparatively fast time of 3hrs. 27mins. 4secs. This should on no account be confused with the time of 3hrs. 22mins. 17secs., which is the westbound record for this event and was established under entirely different conditions. Thank you.



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SPORTS FEATURES

We Don't Catch Our Swimmers Young Enough In H.K.

(By RECORDER)

With much of the local sports world's interest centred this coming week on the Colony Open Swimming Championships, due to start next Saturday, and on the amazing feats of an 18-year-old named Alex Jany, the French crawl stroke champion, time comes when the question of a swimmer's best years comes up for examination.

A few weeks ago in this same column I wrote of Jany's relatively poor performance in the American Swimming Championships and predicted that he would, nevertheless, continue to be very much in the swim and be near his peak in the summer of 1948.

Young Mons. Jany has quite confounded me. Within a few days at Monte Carlo he set up three enviable new records—the 100 metres free style in 58.2 (55.8 in a trial clocking), the 200 metres in 2:05.9 (2:04.9 on a relay leg as well), and the 400 metres in 4:35.2.

Here one must pause to ask—what price Weissmuller, Medica or Bill Smith or all the minnowy Nips? A new aquatic wonderman has arisen, possibly the answer to many a Hollywood prayer, a Tarzan at last with a French accent.

With our own swimming championships due next week, I pause here to ponder how many some of our champions are. More than one good local acquarstar will dive into the VRC pool next week-end who has as many as 30 summers behind him.

Also in the pool will be two kids—the Anderson sisters—just swimming through their early teens and putting all our local scribes in a flutter announcing the astounding fact that they are young, so young!

BEHIND THE TIMES

We in Hongkong are athletically behind the times. Last Saturday I watched the heats of the Boy Scouts' sports and watched with interest one boy in the crawl that was a real honey of a leg-action. He was churning the water up and losing valuable time coming up for breathers while his head kept blowing much too "under."

There did not seem to be anyone present who took any interest in the boy's future as a potential swimming champ. Had it been a meet in the United States there would have been a good half-dozen big time coaches present and the poor lad would be swamped with suggestions that he turn up three times a week in any one of a half-dozen pools for some pointers on style.

Within four years he would even, perhaps, be a big-time swim star at 16 or 17 years of age.

In the United States they catch them younger. The little children would have shed many tears over many a sarcastic remark from a very pushing coach and would have asked him finally why he didn't jump in the pool himself.

BEST OF THEM ALL

Let us conclude by a brief examination of the record of the greatest swimmer of them all, even if it is only my nomination. She is 21-year-old Nancy Merkl of Willamette College, an Oregon girl, at 21 the doyen of America's feminine swimming world.

Nancy Merkl started swimming as an exercise in convalescence from infantile paralysis. At the tender age of 12, when most local parents would be thrashing the life out of their errant youngsters for having been out at the beach too long, she entered the three-mile Lake Oswego Marathon. The favourite was a veteran swimmer named Doug MacQuirk. Mr. MacQuirk was quite used to outdistancing the field. At the two-mile mark he had only one swimmer near him.

Curiously kept Mr. MacQuirk looking back to figure out who it was. Twelve-year-old Miss Merkl caught up with him and they kept together for a while exchanging long distance swim gossip. Miss Merkl then said "Hill" and forged slightly ahead. Finally, Miss Merkl reached the finishing line first.

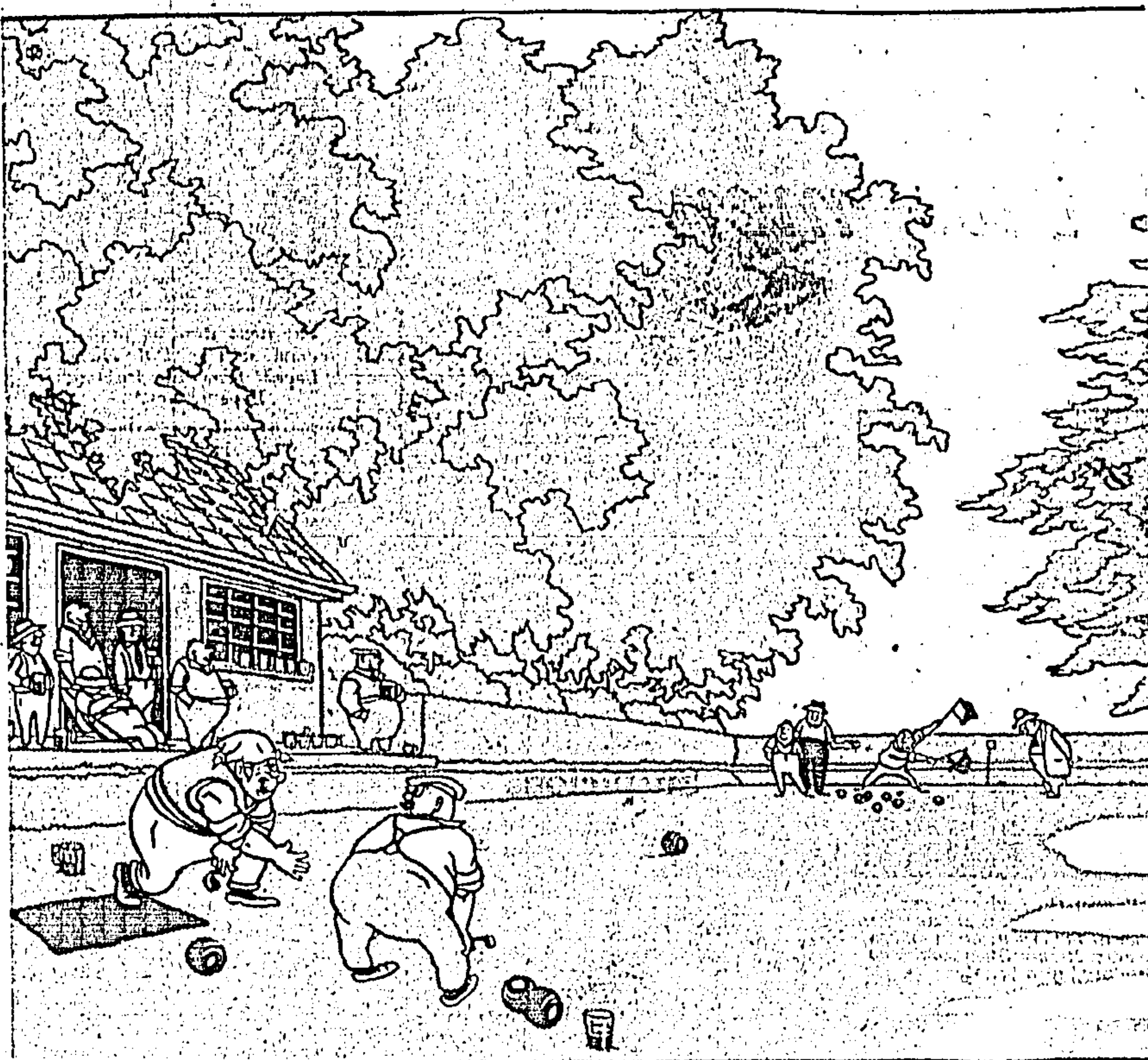
Nancy Merkl's Oswego success followed much coach-bellowing directed at her by a man named Jack Cody, a few years later to enter a team of children in the National Women's Swimming Championship and run away with the team title.

RECORD BREAKER

Mr. Cody, like many another American coach, believes in encouraging them young. His most elderly star, Miss Merkl, holds today half of America's swimming records in the women's section. These include records from 200 metres to 1,500 metres free style, all breast-stroke distances, and the medley relay.

On her 21st birthday this June, Miss Merkl decided she would take time out from swimming to afford her more leisure for interest in the college grind. She is just about as capable, both in face and figure, as Esther Williams, another swim kid before she became a film star, and Hollywood, we understand, has already tried.

We, in Hongkong, are content to let our kids stay sissies, or, failing the natural development of an inferiority complex, we give them on by not providing them a chance to learn what it takes to become more than a local swim star. I have great faith in Wilfred Lawrence and look forward to his being still a local champion at 50.



"It'll break my heart if these Sunday bus strikes are going to stop me taking the wife and family out for the day."

Pool Cricket "Colts" Suggestion

There is a strong feeling among the county cricket clubs that we have a long way to go in team-building if we are to defeat the Australians next summer.

While there is no wish to have a transfer system like that in Association football, it is believed that more should be done to encourage the young player and make it easier for him to get into first-class cricket.

A proposal, I understand, will be submitted to the M.C.C. for consideration that a pool of colts should exist at Lord's from which, counties could draw when in need of a particular type of bowler or batsman.

It could be financed out of Test match profits so that the youngsters joining the pool could be assured of a living wage.

Players, too, unable to get into a county's first eleven could apply to the M.C.C. to be taken back into the pool and thereby give them a chance of going to some other county.

By this means it is believed the available cricketers would be used to the best advantage.

Everyone agrees that it would benefit the game enormously if the championship were to be far more open and if counties like Leicestershire, Northants, Warwickshire, Somerset or Glamorgan had a reasonable chance of winning it. At the same time it is realised that unless some such pool is formed there is little hope of any of the weaker counties getting together a championship winning side.

Dog With Half A Tail Won First-Ever Race

Greyhound racing is now 21 years old. Only 1,700 people were on the Manchester track that night of July 24, 1926. The majority were courting enthusiasts, 50 percent had been given free tickets, and nearly all agreed there was no future in dog racing.

How wrong they were. Average attendance at the big tracks is now 30,000, with more than 60,000 at the London White City for the Derby final.

Mistley, a dog with half a tail, won the first-ever Belle Vue race over 440 yards, beating Oakden by ten lengths. He was one of 150 greyhounds (value £3,000) seen out in 1920, when crowd figures limped along to 5,000 a night. Today, the 25,000 dogs in training are worth about £3,000,000.

Everything was very primitive at the start. The hare was driven by batteries and timing done by stopwatch at one-fifth of a second. Each of a second on modern tracks.

Bill Johnson still on Belle Vue's staff, was the first hare driver. He estimates that in the last 21 years he has stored the mechanical lure some 85,000 miles—and the dogs haven't yet tumbled to the trick.

HE WENT FISHING

Bill Vessie, an American bet for the Olympics in the 55 ft. fins high jump, puts big-time sport in its right perspective. Missing from a championship meeting, he explained to his Columbia University coach:

"It was a lovely day for fishing and I saw no sense in wasting it on jumping. So what did I do? Well, I went fishing."

Anglers at Crystal Palace ponds, stiff with fish after wartime closure, were amused when a small boy arrived with a rod made of board.

The top "ring" was a castor off a chair leg—a seagull's quill fashioned into a float, and a line of carpet thread.

Amusement turned to wonder when he caught four fat roach inside ten minutes after baiting up with a bit of bread.

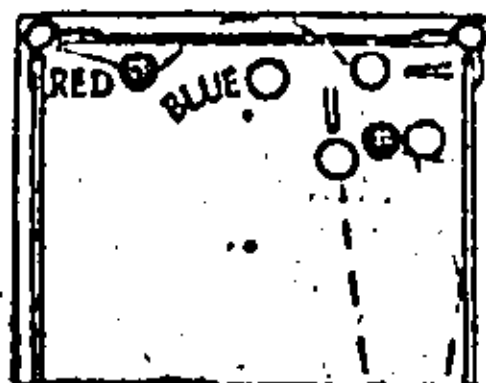
A GRACE STORY

Claret for boys, port for men, brandy for heroes. So said Dr. Johnson. But another famous doctor—Dr. Grace, no less—had other ideas.

Back in the Canterbury pavilion after scoring 344 runs, old "W. G." was offered a stiff brandy and soda. "Take that stuff away," he growled, "I'm no weakling. Give me a ginger beer."

Arthur Peall says:

An uncommon problem in billiard stroke selection is shown on the right of diagram. Not only is the cue ball in a bad position, but the cue is not straight. The cue ball is in a bad position, but the cue is not straight.



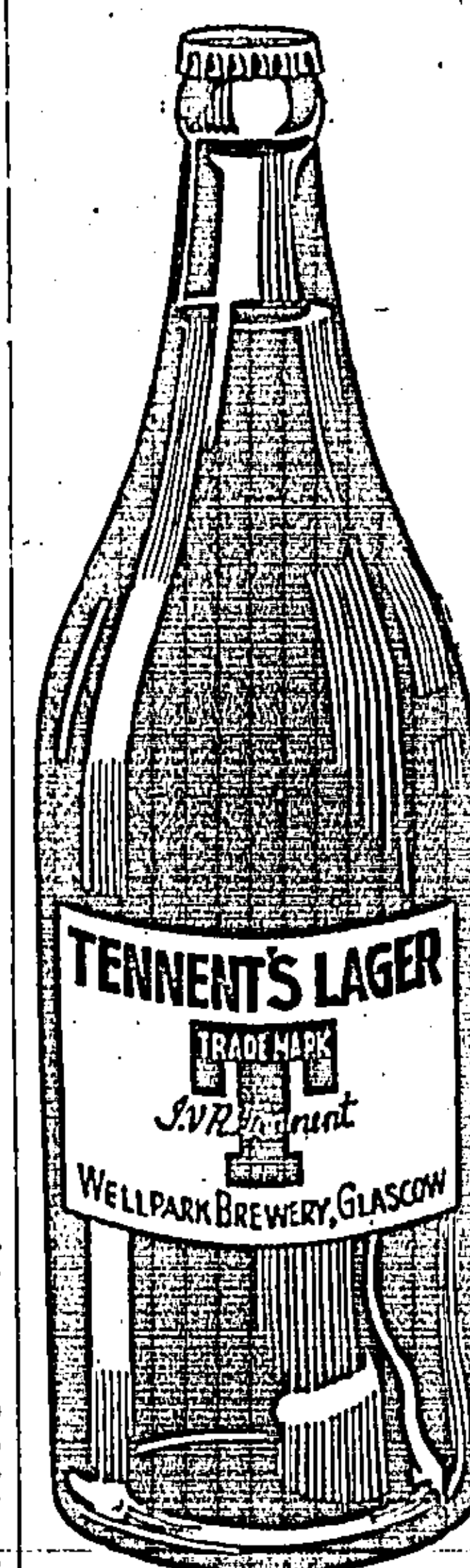
Left snookered by blue for the last red as shown near top cushion, striker played to jump over blue and hit red. What happened was that cue ball jumped over blue, ran along the cushion, hit red and pocketed it. This is a fair stroke because cue ball came to rest on the bed of the table.

Science Will Contribute To 1948 Olympiad

Research workers of Britain's National Physical Laboratory are being called upon to help with the technical problems of the 14th Olympiad to be held in London next year. Electrical timing, photo finish for athletic races, accurate measuring apparatus, complex telephone and telegraph circuits, wireless for control of road races, electrical judging machines for fencing, signalling apparatus for judges, the right gas for the Olympic Flame and fuel for the torches—all these come into the plan.

Photographs have been called for in Olympic Games by the judges for some years past, although not frequently. For the 1948 Games the Organising Committee is examining the possibility of installing special cameras 60 feet above the athletic track in the Empire Stadium, Wembley, to take photographs of the finish. This does not mean that the photograph shows only the first man crossing the line, for it can show the second, third, fourth, fifth or as many as may be wanted.

Electrical timing may possibly be used for athletics. The trigger of the starter's pistol will operate the electrical system which starts the watches at the finishing post. Different systems of this timing will be used for cycling, horse jumping and rowing. In cycling, the winner will cross a strip laid on the road at the finishing line; in the equestrian jumping events, the horse breaks a thread and in the rowing events, the watches are operated by photo-electric rays.



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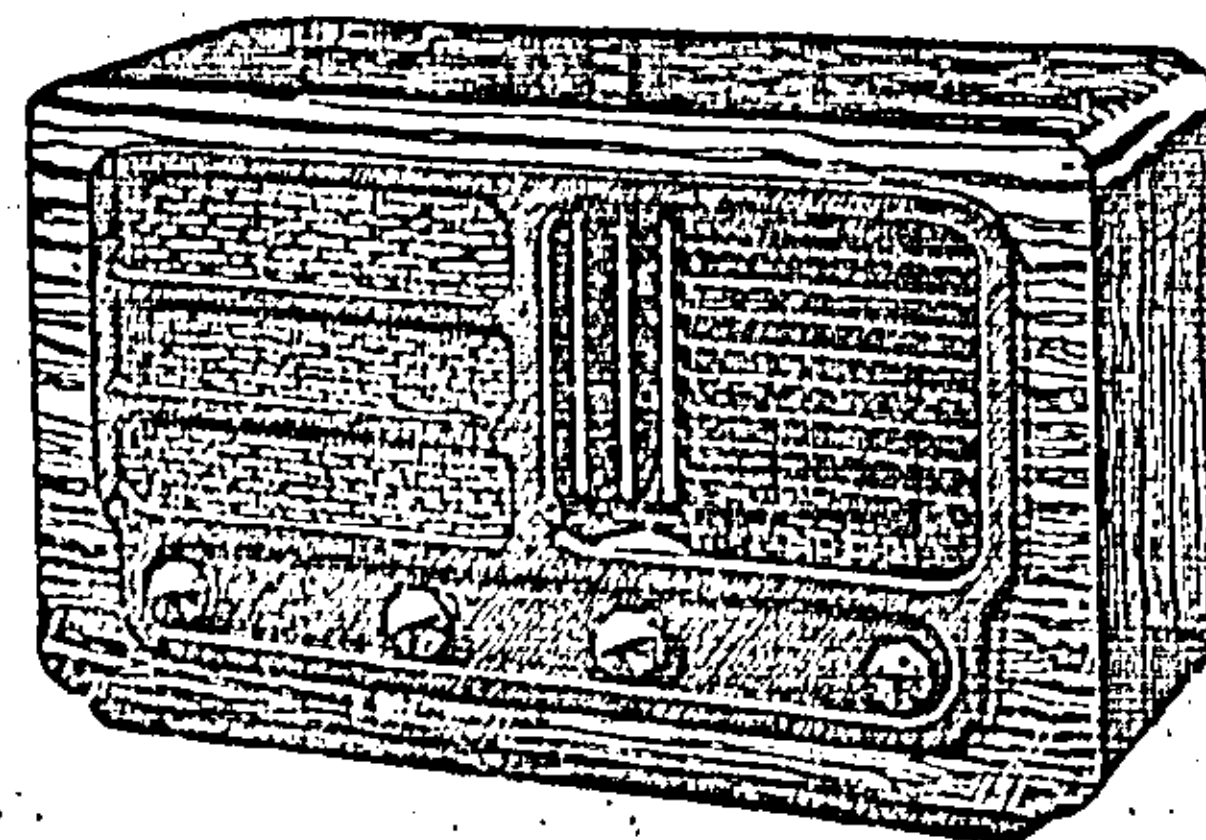
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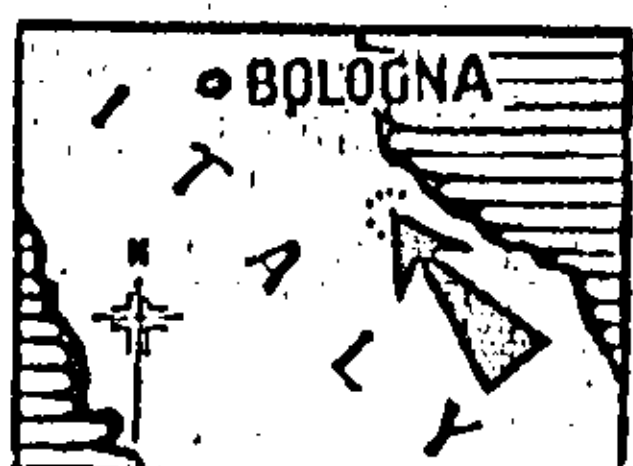
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Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. At which famous London house would you find waiter who—
Never serve meals, prevent strangers entering, sometimes hammer members?
2. If a person were Erlangen he would be—
Difficult to approach, many-handed, collector of pipes, in glowing health, dressed in tweeds?
3. Two of these cricketers have scored centuries in six consecutive innings—
H. Sutcliffe, C. B. Fry, L. Hutton, W. H. Ponsford, J. H. Hobbs, D. G. Bradman, W. R. Hammond?



4. The arrow points to a State within a State. Do you know it?
5. A bend sinister is—
Dangerous corner, divers complaint, poacher's pocket heraldic device?
6. The only city in Britain which has a municipally run phone system is—
Birmingham, Manchester, Glasgow, Leeds, Bristol, Hull, Southampton?
7. The Primate of England is—
Archbishop of York, Prime Minister, Archbishop of Canterbury, Commodore of Cunard White Star Line?
8. What happened on November 5, 1688—
Great Fire of London, Guy Fawkes Plot, William of Orange landed in England?
9. What is Kentish fire—
Fire to dry hops, organised clapping, sporadic rifle fire, a gun salute?
10. Who wrote Penguin Island—
Cherry Kearton, Peter Scott, Samuel Butler, Anatole France?

Surplus Of Baby Sitters

Male baby sitters are not popular these days, according to City College's placement bureau. Robert J. Shetter, bureau director, said he had a surplus of 45 male baby sitters who are never called.

"Mothers don't trust them with their children, even though many of them are married," Shetter said.

'BLEAK AUSTERITY FOR YEARS'... YET— Wealth is waiting for us here...

by
W.J. BROWN, M.P.

THE new cuts imposed by the Government spell bleak austerity for years to come. They may indeed be necessary. But at best this is a negative approach to a problem which requires the most positive and energetic action. We shall solve our problems not by cuts, but by utilising fully our resources.

Since the war ended we have depended on the Americans. Because of that outside help we have committed every kind of folly.

From now on we have to live on what we earn. The gap we have to bridge is appalling. We ought to be terrified at the size of this economic Dunkirk. But the mood of the country is better than it was a month or even a week ago. Subconsciously we recognise that it is good that the artificial situation of the last two years should have come to an end, and that we should be forced to depend on ourselves.

WHEN I described this American Loan as a "moral and political defeat of the first order" for Britain, the phrase expressed what most thoughtful and informed people felt in their bones. The British want neither to be the eastern outpost of Russian Communism, nor the western bastion of American capitalism. They want to stand on their own feet at home, and to pursue their own policy abroad.

They want to trail in the orbit of neither the western nor the eastern star. They have an idea that they are the "star-turn" themselves; and history justifies them in this. But between times we are unfaithful. And when events pull us up sharp in our infidelity we groan with our mouths, but are thankful at heart.

Now the great task is to develop fully our assets. These consist in (1) the soil of Britain; (2) the potential resources of the Dominions and the Colonies; and (3) the character and skill of the British people.

About the soil we are making a beginning with the new agricultural programme. Good. But even with a much better exploitation of our resources at home, we cannot sustain a population of anything like our present 45 millions. Therefore the insistence on the need for exports. Again good. But we shall do well to recognise that we shall never, or

at least for a very long time, regain the position we once held in the existing export markets.

The American industrial machine, with mass-production as its base, and with its productive capacity expanded by over 100 percent while ours has been reduced, makes that impossible. The world shortage of American dollars is not the cause of our difficulties. It is a reflection of the fact that so many countries want to buy American goods.

WHAT then? We must create new markets. Where? In the undeveloped or under-developed parts of the earth.

The two great undeveloped continents of the earth are China and Africa. China is rent with civil war, and it will be 50 years before stability is reached there. Nor is it under our political control. But Africa is, to a very large extent.

The possibilities of Africa are unlimited. It has abundant coal near the surface. (We could get coal from Africa. If its resources were developed, at half the price it is now costing to win in Britain.) Its agricultural possibilities given adequate money and machinery are immense. If we did with Africa what the Russians have done with far less promising Siberia, this country could be as rich and prosperous as it has ever been.

But what is wanted here is something far bigger and more imaginative than an occasional Colonial Development Bill providing a few score million pounds. We need an Africa Development Corporation, financed not only by Government money but by private investment. We could afford to invite the Americans to invest. This would absorb some of their surplus millions with the hope of a return on what they put in. It might even provide them with a partial solution of their coloured problem. And it would make good our deficiencies in coal and food and many raw materials. And as our own industrial system, thus fortified, recovered, a rising standard of life among the Africans would provide us with new markets.

WE are in process, under pressure of bankruptcy, of regaining our freedom from foreign tutelage. If we use that freedom aright, we have potential resources enough at home and within the Commonwealth and Empire to stand on our own feet, apart from Russia and America alike.

If we have imagination and courage, we might even achieve the splendours of a new Elizabethan age. At the least we might hope to stand in the position of "owing no man any money" and of being able to speak our mind freely at home, and throughout the world, without fearing to offend our unsatisfied creditors.

FINALLY there is the spirit of the British people. It is their quality that they do their best work under the stimulus not of restrictions and regulations, but of a great idea.

The other day a Post Office counter-clerk was suspended because, against regulations, he took his coat off in the broiling London heat, and worked in his shirt-sleeves. He should have been promoted! If the British are to take their coats off in this emergency they must be given their heads, not put on a bearing rein.

The metaphors are mixed, I fear, but the meaning, I trust, is plain.

FROM HERE AND THERE:

HIGH (BALL) BUSINESS

NEW YORK—The U.S. Government made more dollars from last year's imports of Scotch whisky than Britain made exporting it. Its total value—£53,000,000. American customs revenue—£27,500,000.

FILM CUT

COPENHAGEN—The Danish Government is negotiating with the American film industry to cut down the present import of American films by 60 percent thus saving U.S.\$400,000 yearly.

SALVAGE BUSINESS

SYDNEY—A syndicate of businessmen has been formed to recover £3,300,000 worth of gold from the wrecks of the Niagara, sunk in deep water off the New Zealand coast early in the war, and the General Grant, wrecked on the Auckland Islands, 280 miles south of New Zealand, in 1868. The syndicate includes the brothers John and William Johnstone, the divers who recovered £23,000,000 worth of gold from the Niagara, in 1941 for the Bank of England. John believes there is still £300,000 worth left, and claims that the Bank of England has agreed to give him half of what he recovers.

PROFIT & LOSS

JOHANNESBURG—A woman driving down a city street had a £5 note blown in her face by a gust of wind. In her excitement she collided with another car and turned her credit into a debit.

TAKING IN QUITE A LOT



The traditional contest for drinking a yard of ale took place at the "Silver Grill," Bedford, the Landlord, Mr. J. T. Rhodes supervising, when challengers from London, Beds, and Northants set out to beat the record set up by an Australian airman during the war.

Hitler Kept Him In The Dark

It happened six years ago and General Ernest Koestlin is still sore about it.

Now 70 years old, but militarily erect and snappy, this old school German cavalry general lives quietly near Munich, remembering what a double-crosser was Adolf Hitler.

He told about it recently over a cup of coffee, which even a German general today finds it hard to get. The coffee was a tongue-lowerer. Koestlin was military attache in Moscow in 1941. He was asked how much advance information he had about the Nazi attack in the U. S. S. R.

"None. Absolutely none. Hitler never told us anything. We found out from the Russians that we were at war," he answered. "It was a mortal blow to Koestlin's pride. Well known to all the high Soviet military men, he had to either admit ignorance of his own government's doings or admit duplicity. That was a pretty poor choice."

Might Of Russia

Koestlin said that it was typical of Hitler though to make all the political decisions regardless of their military effect. The Fuehrer thought, said the General, that all military men were ignorant about things political. So he kept them in the dark.

A little closer liaison might have kept Hitler informed about Russia's potential might, the general asserted.

"We knew for years how strong the Russians could be," he said. "That Finnish campaign misled a lot of persons but it was not deliberate on the part of the Russians. It was a mistake. They thought that Finland would fall over easily, so they sent only half of an army. Once the Finns showed how proficient they were and that dawned on the Russians, they sent in a really good army. Then the Finnish campaign ended in a month, of course."

SKYSCRAPERS FOR ROME

Modern skyscrapers may soon grace the seven hills of ancient Rome.

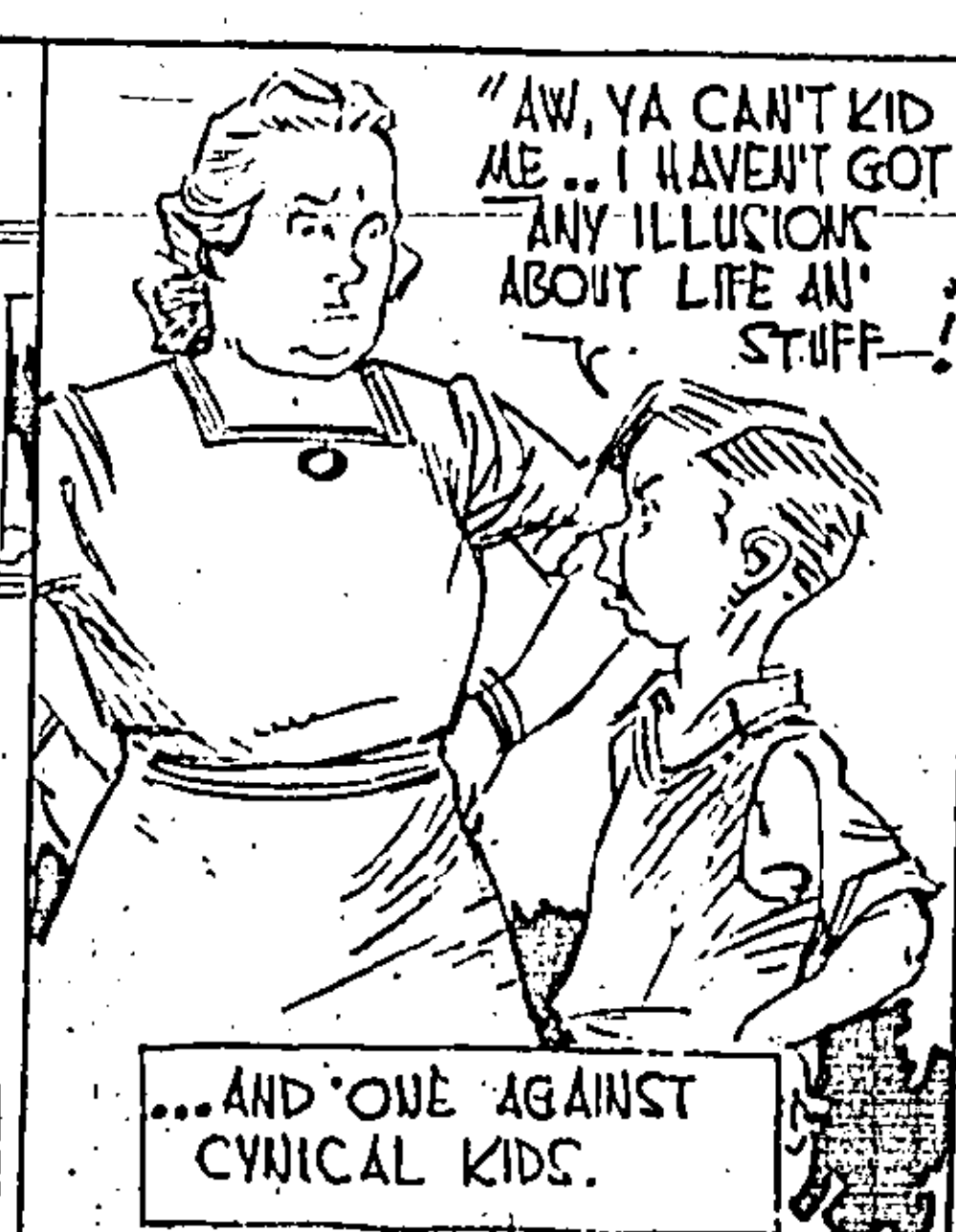
Umberto Tupini, Minister of public works, has created a special commission to draw up plans for reconstructing and enlarging several existing hotels, and some may have several storeys added. Tupini said most of the hotels were located in the modern quarter of the city, and the new skyline would not damage the setting of ancient monuments.

VIGNETTES OF LIFE

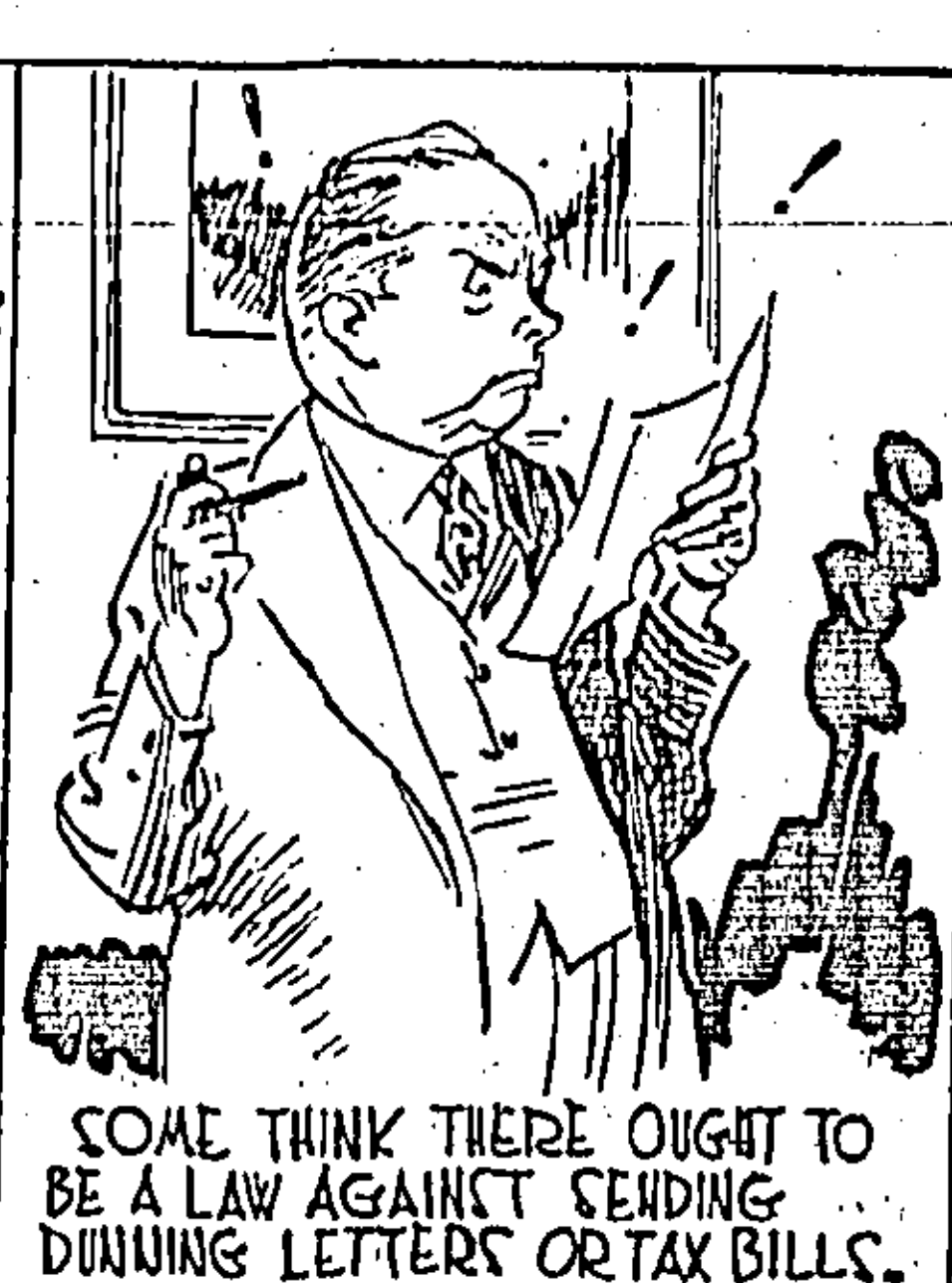
"There Ought To Be A Law" By KEMP STARRETT



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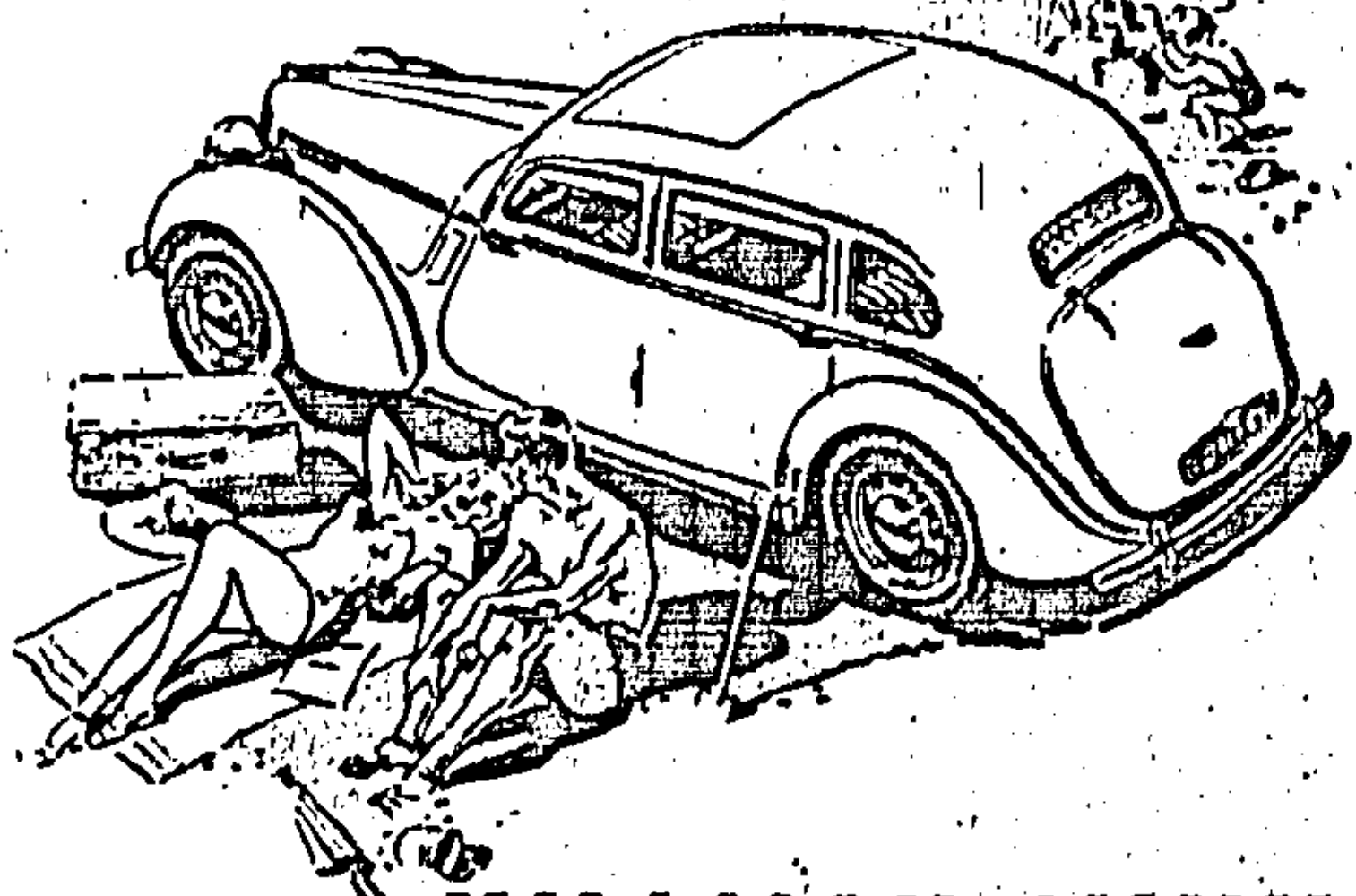


AND THERE ARE FOLKS WHO CONTENT THERE SHOULD BE A LAW AGAINST USING ANESTHETICS IN PUBLIC... ESPECIALLY RIGHT AFTER LUNCH.

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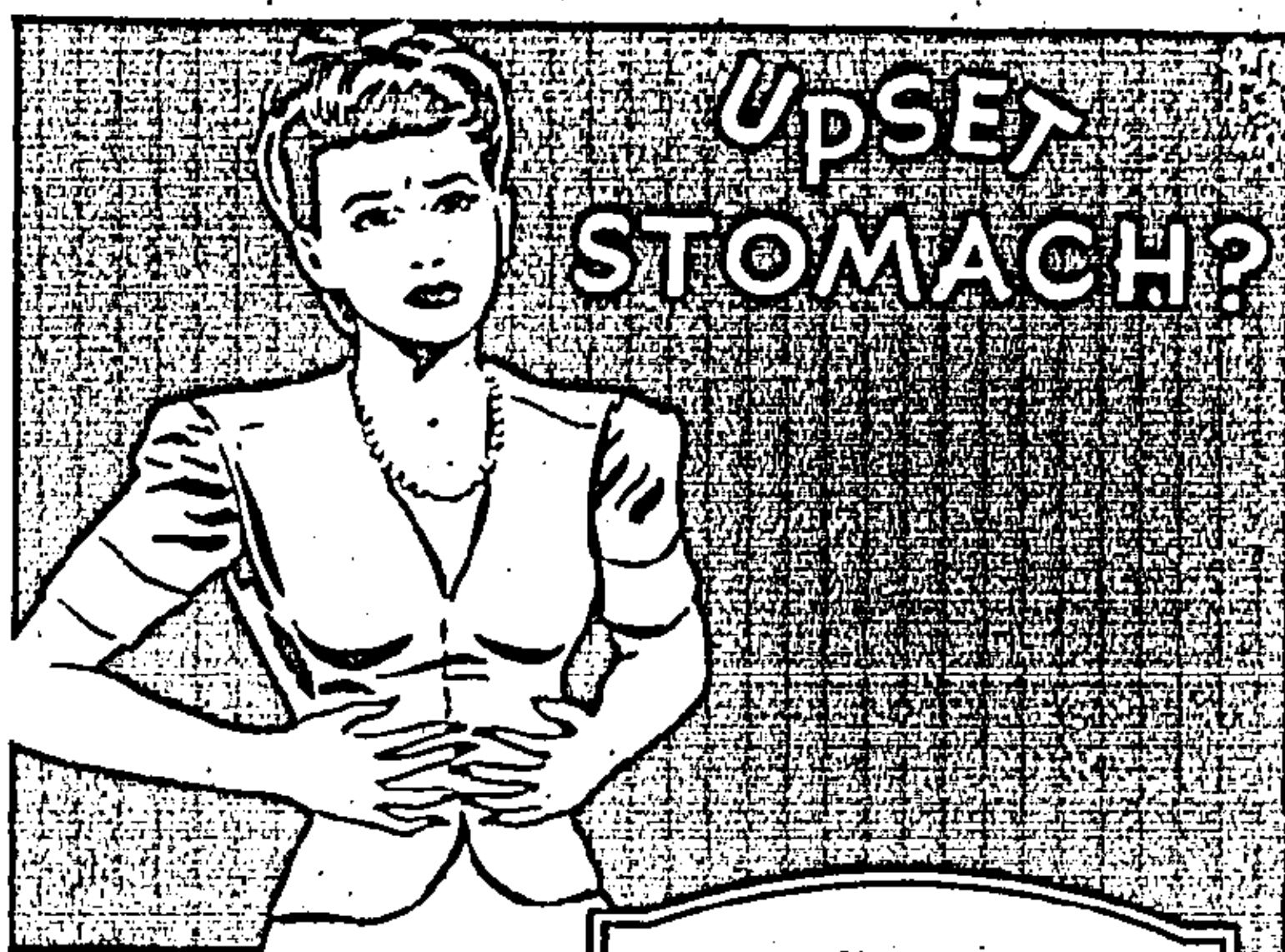
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The priceless frescoes of the Horyuji Temple at Nara, near Osaka, are to be removed for restoration and preservation.

The step is part of a programme to save some of Japan's ancient arts and treasures now being carried out under the direction of experts of the Arts and Monuments Division of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Headquarters.

One of their main tasks at present is to supervise restoration work on the golden hall of the temple, known for the paintings on its plaster walls.

Founded in 607 A.D., Horyuji reportedly contains the oldest wooden structure in the world and the wall-paintings of its main building, the Kondo, are acknowledged to be among the greatest representations of Buddhist art now in existence.

The passage of more than 1,300 years, however, has laid a heavy hand on these irreplaceable works of art. As recently as 1944 they were damaged by earthquake shocks.

Latest Methods Used

Cracks and bulges have long been apparent in the plaster walls and the Japanese Government has been treating these first in a haphazard manner, but since 1938 with a long-range plan. Men versed in the most modern preservation methods of Europe and America are on hand for consultation.

Now, the wall plaster is being treated with acrylics. This compound, which is a basic ingredient of plexiglass, has proved to be cohesive and yet without being injurious to paint pigments.

A group of 20 experts are making as exact a copy as possible of the paintings, under a restoration plan which will take six years.

Radioactive Drugs
As Life Savers

Radioactive drugs soon will save as many hitherto doomed lives as were taken in the two atom bomb explosions in Japan, some American doctors and research men believe.

Dr. James I. Bibb, a Tennessee physician, says that radioactive phosphorus and iodine are conquering blood diseases, and other radioactive elements have been used to treat cancer.

Student Digs Out Old
Marriage Law

In making a study of marriage laws, Robert Carver, a student of Pittsburgh University, discovered that a law passed in 1700 by Gov. William Penn required marriages to be performed before 12 witnesses.

A later legal record said that marriages not performed before 12 witnesses would be "considered valid."

ARE YOU SURE?
ANSWERS

Questions on Page 9

1. Stock Exchange, where liveried attendants are called waiters, from its coffee house origin. 2. Many-handed. Briareus was a hundred-handed giant. 3. C. B. Fry (1901). 4. G. G. Brindley (1938-39). 5. Recluse of San Marino. 6. Heraldic device. Diagonal band from top of sinister, or left, side of shield. 7. Hull. 8. Archbishop of York (Archbishop of Canterbury is Primate of All England). 9. William of Orange landed in England. 10. Organised clapping (from anti-Catholic demonstrations in Kent early 18th century). 11. Liver. 12. Agile. 13. Wary. 14. Prey. 15. Fat. 16. Up.

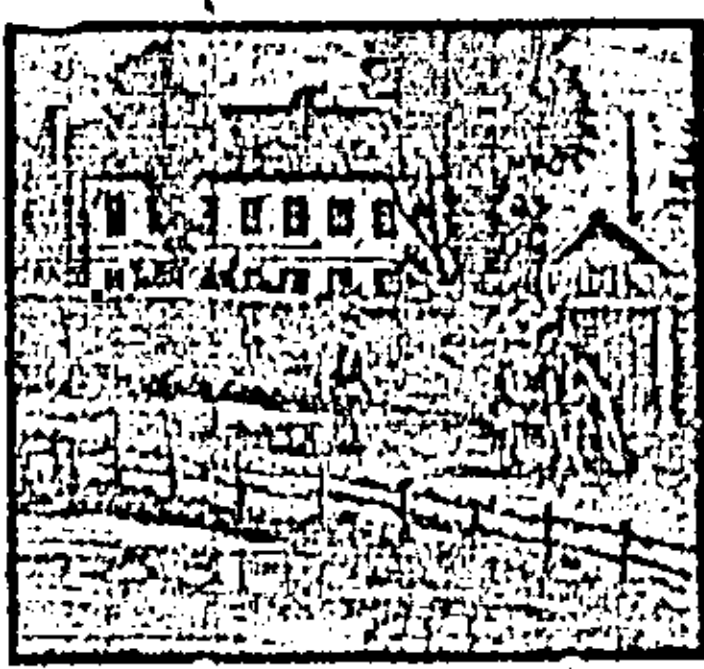
CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Solution of yesterday's puzzle—Across: 1 and 9 Down: Gilt of the gab; 6. Relegated; 10. Election; 12. Neat; 13. Orb; 14. Grove; 15. Low; 16. Day; 19. Neap; 21. Firm; 22. Acutely; 24. Matepayer. Down: 1. Grenadier; 2. Flea; 3. Recluse; 4. Fulcrum; 5. Hen; 7. Election; 8. Tool; 9. Gilt; 11. Liver; 16. Agile; 17. Wary; 20. Prey; 21. Fat; 23. Up.

An extraordinary book has recently leaped to the top of the best-seller lists, first in Italy, then in France, and now in the United States.

It is called KAPUTT—the German word that means smashed or finished. The author is an Italian who calls himself Curzio Malaparte.

Mr. H. R. Trevor-Roper was asked to examine the French edition of the book. Mr. Trevor-Roper is the Oxford history don who was given the task of recording for posterity all that could be discovered about Hitler's fate. His book THE LAST DAYS OF HITLER was the result. Today he writes his report on Malaparte.

The well of
Mr. Sadler

Sadler's Wells 200 years ago—

How did Sadler's Wells get its name?

Sadler was a surveyor of highways in the 17th century and the owner of some land in Cierkenwell.

In 1683 two workmen digging for gravel there found the remains of an old well. Sadler took a sample of the water to an analyst, who found it had definite medicinal properties.

In a few years the well had taken the place of Tunbridge and Epsom, which hitherto had been London's spas.

Sadler developed the site by building a "pleasure house" where people who took the waters could watch the leading entertainers of the day. There were "postures," rope dancers, jugglers and musicians of all kinds.

The price of admission was three-pence and for this patrons were provided with an escort to see them home through the dark country lanes which were frequented by footpads and highwaymen.

A pint of port

In 1765 the proprietor, Mr. Rossmore, pulled down the old wooden building and built a new theatre "with backs to the seats and ledges on which bottle and glasses could stand."

Prices rose to 3s., including a pint of port wine. Further improvements were made in 1778, and the theatre came to be patronised by the nobility.

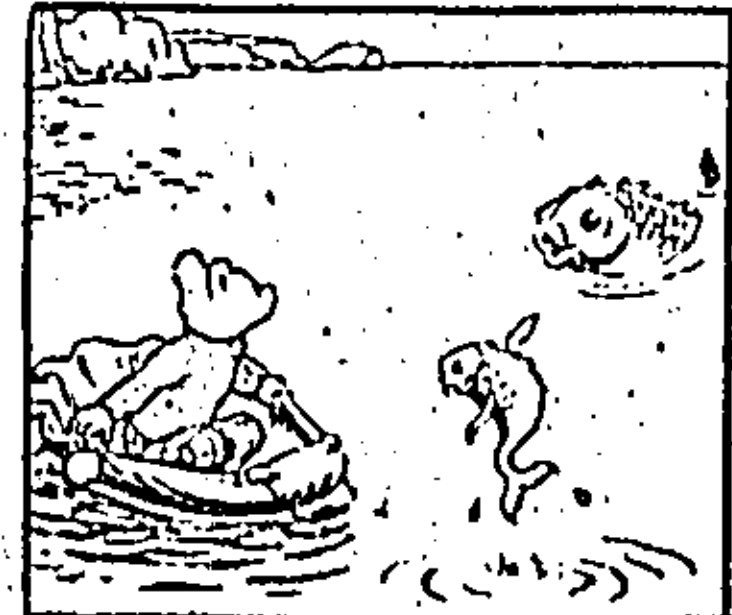
Performers at this time included Joe Grimaldi, the famous clown. Serious drama came in 1844 under the management of Mrs. Warner and Samuel Phelps.

The present theatre, which includes part of the old building, was constructed in 1930.



—and Sadler's Wells to-day.

Rupert and the Jumping Fish—24



The jumping fish says the towing cord is too short, so Cap'n Binnacle fixes a longer one, and, just as he finishes, the great fish appears again. "Now for it!" thinks Rupert, trembling a little. "We mustn't waste any more time," says the jumping fish, leaping out of the water again. "Hold tight to the edge of the shell, little bear, and don't be frightened. We shall go very fast, but you're lucky; the sea is smooth and the journey shouldn't be too long."

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THE ASTONISHING SIGNOR
MALAPARTE

by H. R. Trevor-Roper

HOW is it possible that a new book about the war can still excite interest?

What expression of horror is still unexpressed, what detail of historical fact unexplored? What new discovery, or attitude of mind, can account for the success in Italy, in France, and in America of a new book called Kaputt, by Curzio Malaparte?

Curzio Malaparte is an Italian journalist, one of those (he tells us) "who have exulted by imprisonment on the island of Lipari their contribution to the cause of freedom." Released (he does not say why), he became a war-correspondent for the Corriere della Sera on the Russian front; but falling foul of the Gestapo, he withdrew to Finland and Sweden, there to wait the end of the war and the regime. From his experiences in Rumania and the Ukraine, in Poland, Finland and Sweden, he has gathered the material of this book. What kind of a book is it?

The snob

In form it is the book of a gossip-writer. Malaparte, like many successful gossip-writers, is a cosmopolitan snob. Whatever his views (and he is careful to imply that they are liberal), he is at home, or likes to feel that he is at home, with the great of all nations equally—so equally that he makes little difference between allies and enemies, Nazis and anti-Nazis, a Swedish prince and a Nuremberg criminal.

Axel Munthe, Antonescu, Hans Frank, Harold Nicolson, Sepp Dietrich, Mannerheim, Giraudoux—every public name is indifferently there; and the illusion of cosmopolitanism is sustained by that cheapest trick of the snob-writer—scraps of polyglot patter to impress the unlearned reader. The pages are littered with unimportant phrases in German or inaccurate English, and in Polish, Finnish and Rumanian which (for all I know) may be inaccurate too.

In the continually-shifting scenes only one figure is quite constant: Malaparte himself—the centre, the director, the acknowledged master of every conversation, whether among Rumanian soldiers in the Ukraine, or the old nobility of traditional Europe, or the stereotyped ambassadors of the West, or the cruel and vulgar satraps of Hitler's transitory empire.

How simple, how ill-informed, how trite, how boorish these types all seem compared with the brilliant Italian shining incessantly in their midst! "Everyone looked at me and laughed," "everyone around me

laughed at my words"—such phrases of self-congratulation are the theme-song of half the book.

New aristocrats

BUT if Kaputt is the work of an egoist and a snob, that does not make it necessarily a bad book. In fact, it has some of the qualities of brilliance. The author is a master of clear and vivid style. His incisive pictures, his sudden metaphors, his cold factual delineations admirably express the sudden aristocrats of the New Order, their grotesque magnificence, and the terrible cost at which it was achieved.

"Tilling" his spoon to pour a shower of golden gravel over his slices of venison, Governor Fischer described how the Jews of the ghetto were buried.... The method of the gossip-writer is certainly more vivid, and not necessarily less true, than the dry transcript of the Nuremberg trial.

Especially vivid are the scenes of the Nazi rulers of Poland—portentous vulgarisms feasting in Renaissance palaces, and unsuccessfully aping the customs of the most archaic, feudal nobility of Europe; a hierarchy of hollow pretenders, hiding behind their glittering titles their fundamental disillusion and secret fears.

King of Poland

FOR this is what Malaparte brings out most clearly: the Germans (and he hates them as Germans, not as Nazis) were afraid. Fear lay at the root of all those elaborate gestures and methodical cruelties. Even at the height of their triumph they were haunted by fear: the fear of defeat, the fear of contempt.

At the apex of the hierarchy is the most exorbitant figure of all, Hans Frank, "the King of Poland," the cruel, vulgar, sentimental, Italianate, pseudo-aesthetic charlatan who deliberately tried to play the Renaissance Prince, strutting Chopin on a piano in the Wawel Palace, and promising to be the Orpheus of Poland, who would govern the people through the arts. It is appropriate that he should have died at Nuremberg in the tawdry postures of counter-Reformation piety.

It is perhaps natural that these Polish scenes should stand out above the tedious trivialities which fill so much of the book. In a sense Malaparte is himself a Renaissance character, well qualified to depict such a subject; for he combines a cynical amorality with aesthetic sense and literary skill.

But in another sense he is not. The old Italian humanists, behind these obvious qualities, believed in man: in the future of man, in human reason, in human ideals.

Malaparte does not. To him everything—not merely Nazism or Germany, but the whole world—is empty and rotten, and haunted by the knowledge of its own rottenness. Islands of culture may survive, but they are dwindling islands of decaying culture in a putrescent world. Smiles of decay alternate with expressions of self-congratulation throughout the book. He is a total cynic, without faith in anything. His world is empty.

Palace politics

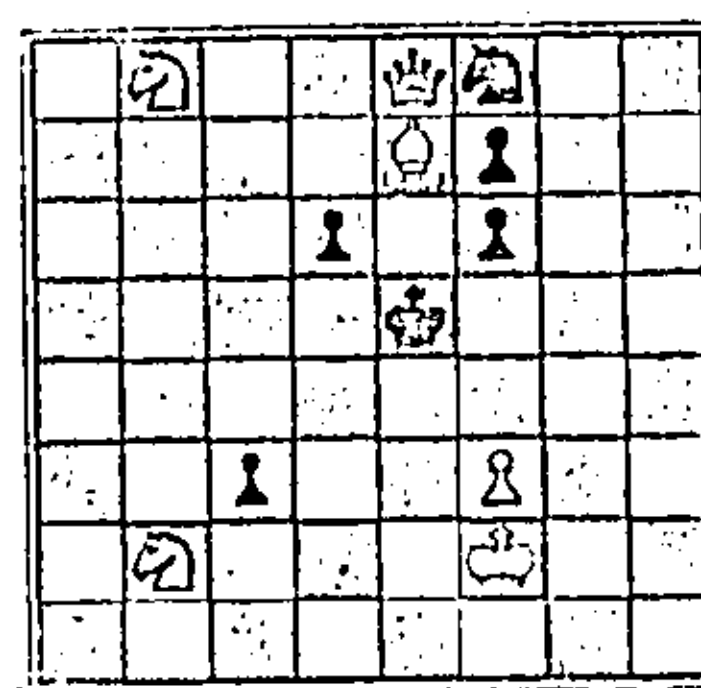
WHY is this? Is the author merely a victim of the prevailing dreary cant (for it is cant) or is there some inherent, personal cause? A glance at Malaparte's career suggests the latter.

For Malaparte (his real name is Kurt Zuckert) is not really a martyr in the cause of liberty. His imprisonment (and his release) bore no relation to political principles; they were accidents of Fascist palace-politics.

Malaparte is an ex-Fascist play-boy who has become tired of the game. He has flattered Mussolini and written for Goebbels. He has tried Fascism, as he has tried Communism, as an intellectual fashion with practical prospects; and since he had accepted them lightly, he could discard them lightly.

Now he has discarded them and since he only played with ideas, never entertained them, he has nothing left except a clear sight and a facile pen and a neurotic hatred of Germany, and a philosophy of emptiness which, in Kaputt, he has described as if it were true.

CHESS PROBLEM

By B. CHIMELAR
Black, 6 pieces

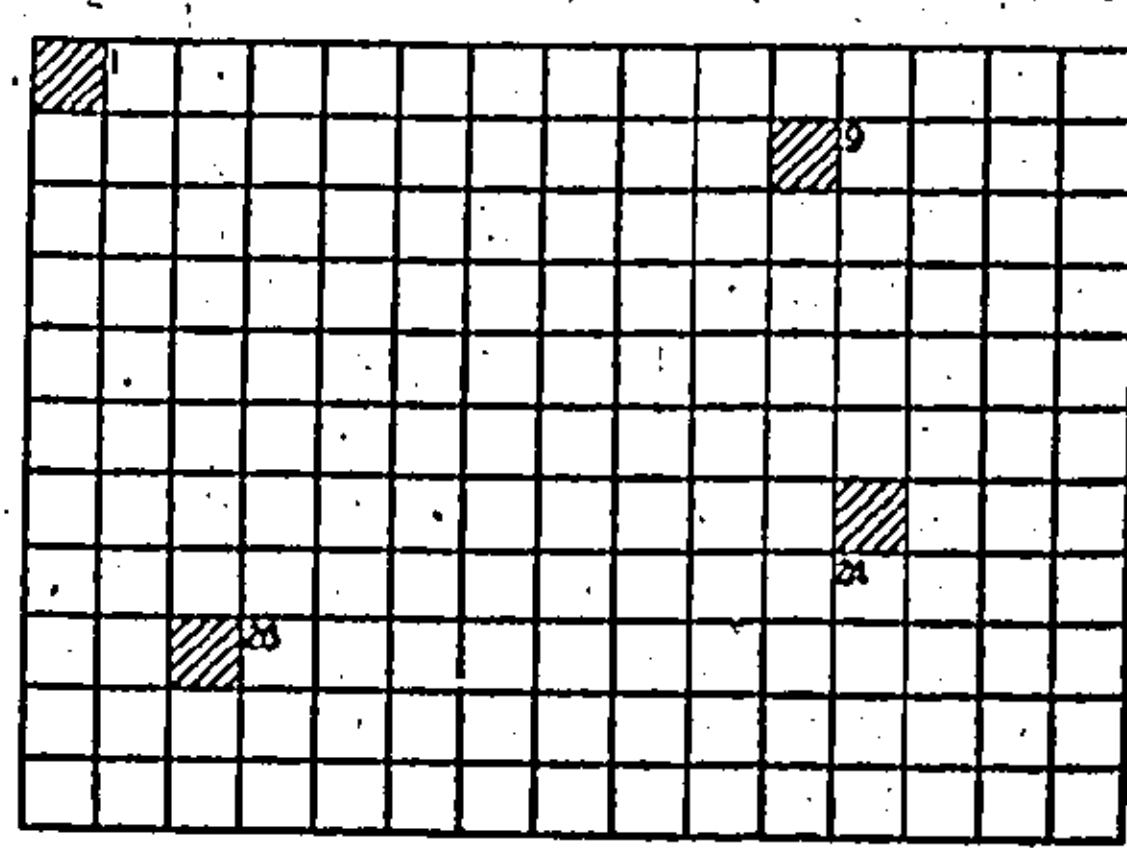
White, 6 pieces
White to play and mate in three
Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. RxBP any. 2. Q.B. (ch, or dis ch), or Kt mates.

Skeleton Crossword

CLUES ACROSS

1. Not a live broadcast.
2. The great man means nothing to her.
3. Just one, perhaps, or two.
4. Hosts of drinkers.
5. The sort of song you're happy to sing.
6. The one's a something rather sour in the best artists.
7. They contribute to your upkeep, sartorially speaking.
8. The oyster's not alien to him.
9. Turn round the coast for entertainment.
10. Always give the first girl a letter.
11. Her death is still a matter of comment.
12. My design involves two tins and one.
13. Brief compact.
14. Journey in the fall, perhaps?
15. A sticky lot these supporters.
16. The clues down.
17. Sound a deadly snail.
18. You must give a man enough of this for suicide.
19. It is used to splice the transatlantic phone wire.



In the Skeleton Crossword the black squares and clue numbers, as well as the words, are left for the solver to fill in. Four black squares and four clue numbers have been inserted to give you a start.

The black squares form a symmetrical pattern: the top half corresponds with the bottom half and the two sides match. So you can fill in twelve more black squares as once to correspond with those given.

Now study the clue numbers. There is no Clue 1 Across, so the square to the right of that numbered 1 must be a black square. 2 Across must be on the top line and 8 Across on the second line in a position balancing 9 Across. As you solve the clues you can fill in the words and black squares and complete the puzzle.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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NANCY The Psychological Approach

By Ernie Bushmiller



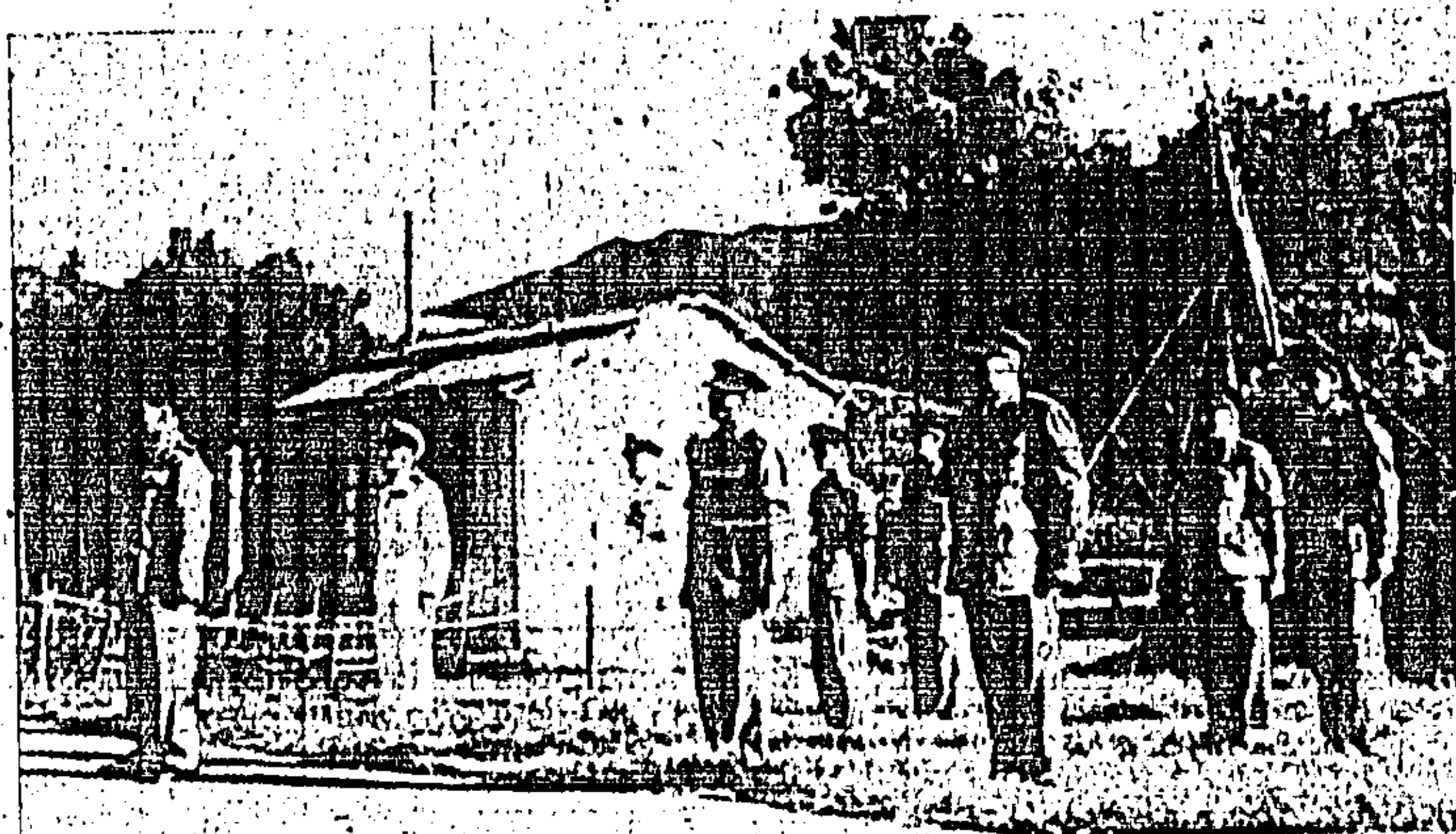
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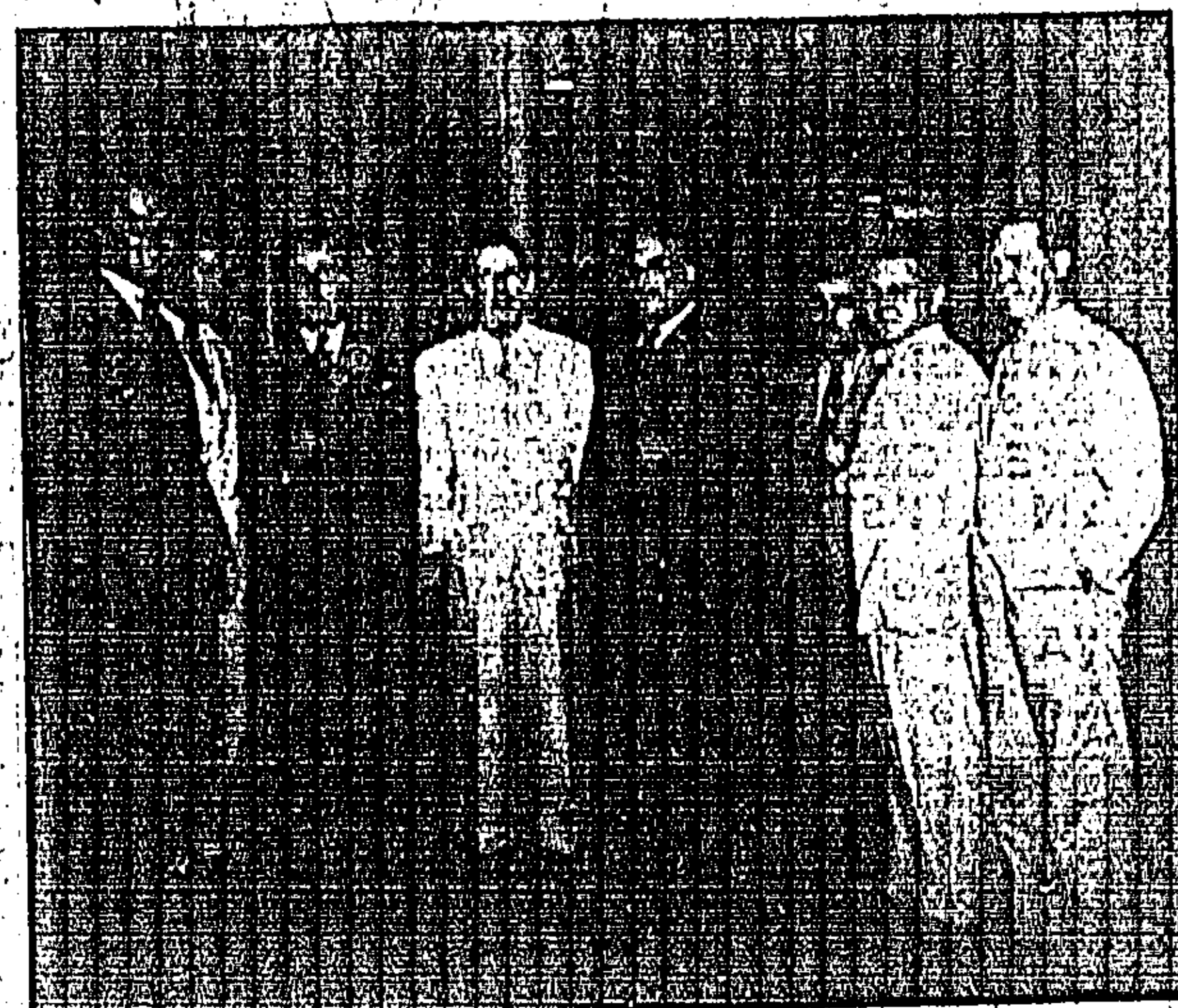
BATTLE OF BRITAIN COMMEMORATION—The sacrifice of "the few" who defeated the Nazi air hordes in the history-making Battle of Britain seven years ago was remembered at RAR Station, Kai Tak, on Monday, when heads of all Services in Hongkong attended a commemoration parade and memorial service. Picture at left above shows Air Commodore S. N. Webster taking the salute at the March Past. Next to that are pictured heads of the Navy, Army and Air Force at the reviewing base. (Photos: Golden Studio)



ST JOHN'S CHRISTENING—Picture at left was taken after the christening at St John's Cathedral last Thursday of Carolyn Jane, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs K. A. Watson. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



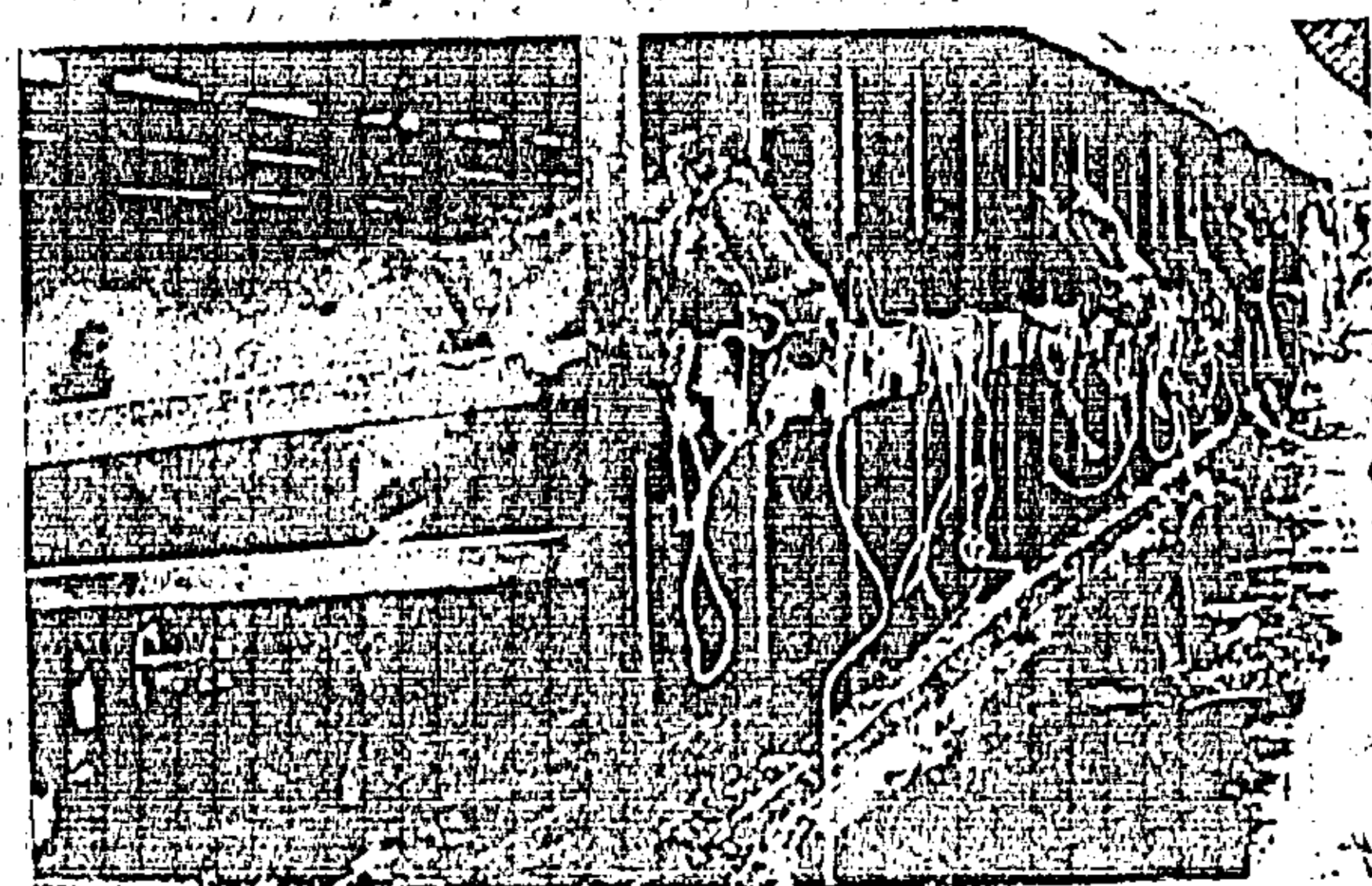
AN ARRIVAL from Nanking last week on leave was Major-Gen. John P. Lucas, Commander of the American Advisory Group in China. He will be staying in Hongkong until early next month. (Photo: Cecil Lee)



LORD NATHAN, Minister of Civil Aviation (fourth from right), visited Hongkong this week on his way to Nanking. He was entertained at a cocktail party at the Hongkong Hotel by British air executives here. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



LIEUT-COL. J. B. FILMER-BENNETT, MC, Officer Commanding 1st Battalion, Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, speaking at the reception of welcome given on Monday to the Battalion by Irish residents of Hongkong. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



A FEW of the Australian ponies that arrived in Hongkong recently by the ss Nelloro. These ponies will take part in the forthcoming season's racing under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club. (Photo: Golden Studio)



THE VENERABLE LOKANATHA, Buddhist missionary to the United States, who has been visiting Hongkong and has held a number of services here. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



LUI LAP-YAN taking some punishment from Kong Chi-sun during their middleweight bout at the charity boxing matches held last Sunday at the Ritz. (Photo: Golden Studio)



CANON M. A. C. WARREN, Secretary-General of the Church Missionary Society (extreme right) with members of St John's Cathedral Council at a reception given in his honour early this week. (Photo: Golden Studio)



H.E. THE GOVERNOR, Sir Alexander Grantham, photographed on the premiere night of the Academy Award film, "The Best Years of Our Lives," at the Queen's Theatre. The Governor and Lady Grantham are seen being escorted into the theatre by Mr Wu Shun-tak, manager of the theatre.



OPENING OF OFFICERS' CLUB—The Cheong Club has now become the Harcourt Officers' Club, and was officially opened this week. Picture taken on the opening night shows dancing in progress. (Photo: Golden Studio)

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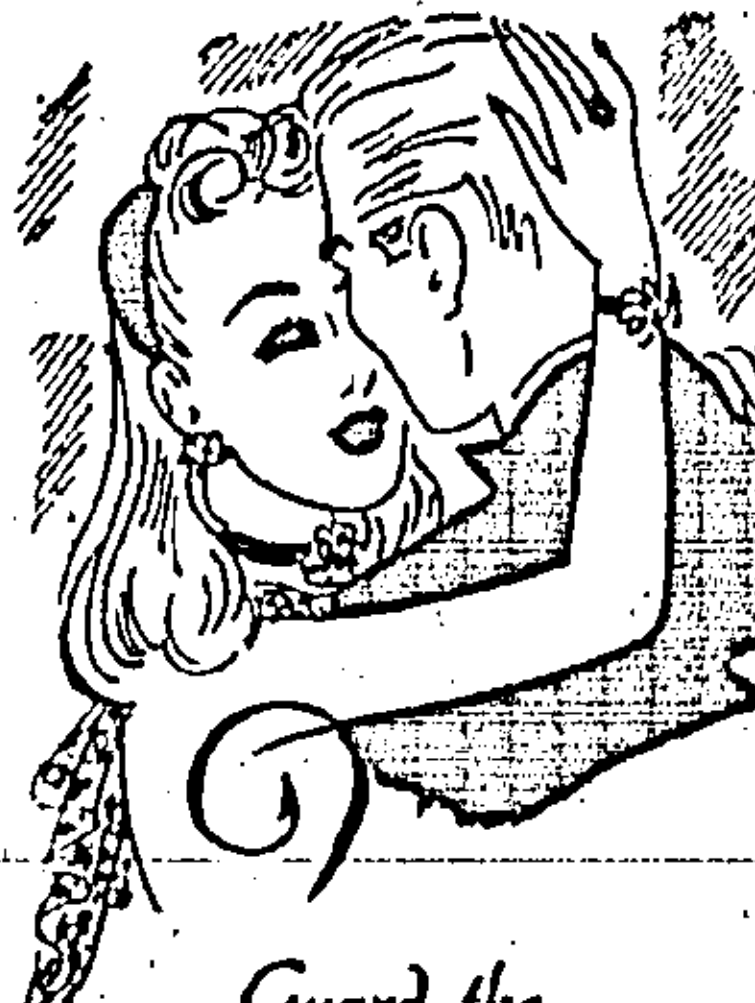
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U.S. Showdown With Russia Said Inevitable

Washington, Sept. 19.—Chairman Charles A. Eaton of the House Foreign Affairs Committee—one of the "war mongers" named by the Soviet delegate Andrei Vishinsky, in a speech in the United Nations General Assembly—declared today in a radio broadcast: "A showdown with Russia is inevitable."

Representative Eaton, who apparently was unaware of M. Vishinsky's attack, urged Americans to make it clear that they are determined to defend their own liberties and "assist to the limit all other peoples" in maintaining their freedom.

He said: "We must have a showdown with Russia for three fundamental reasons: 1. An urgent necessity for an early world-wide choice between two mutually exclusive and irreconcilable philosophies of life. 2. Russia is a militant instrument of conquest by a world revolution, and whose motives and methods are as immoral or unmoral as those of a hungry tiger. 3. Communism is obsessed by the notion that unless our American way of free self-government and free capitalistic enterprise are destroyed, the Russian way of necessity must fall in its evil mission."

"Sooner or later we must stand up to the Russian Government, which is Communism incarnate, and find

GANDHI WILL TOUR PUNJAB

New Delhi, Sept. 19.—Mahandas K. Gandhi, declaring that he would not rest until every Moslem, Sikh and Hindu in India and Pakistan was rehabilitated in his own home, said today that he was going to the Punjab to make the Moslems undo the wrong they were said to have done there.

However, the spiritual leader of the Congress Party said at his daily prayer meetings that he could not hope for success in his mission unless he obtained justice for the Moslem minority in Delhi. One condition to success, he said, was that the Hindus in the Indian Union should keep their hands clean and leave it to their government to secure justice.

Gandhi appealed to the military and police at a prayer meeting in New Delhi, saying: "If the custodians of law and order are to become participants in crime, how can law and order be maintained?"—Associated Press.

Burma Completes Rice Quota

Rangoon, Sept. 19.—Burma has already completed the shipment of the export quota of three-quarters of a million tons of rice set for the season ending September 30. It was officially announced here today.

It was estimated that Burma would, in fact, have exported 800,000 tons by the end of the month.

An official of the agriculture Department said that the rice export trade was unlikely to be affected by the damage to crops caused by the recent flood which had now subsided. Large rice areas had already been replanted.

He added: "We are confident of meeting the next season's export quota of 1,500,000 tons."

The official said that the restriction on movements of capital would not affect Burma's rice industry and export, as special arrangements on a Government-to-Government basis were already under way.—Reuter.

Ex-Minister Fined

(Continued from Page 1)

For five years he was Minister of Justice and had had practical experience of race relationships.

Finding Mr Pirow guilty of incitement to violence, the presiding magistrate, Mr F. Harvey, said that it was unpleasant to sentence a man who has held a high position in the Government, but the court had its duty to perform, however, and the court was not concerned with politics.

The court's duty is to carry out the law and where an influential person as Mr Pirow had used the words he did in the article, a suitable fine must be imposed.—Reuter.

NOTICE

HONG KONG EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Owing to the very large number of applications for admission, the Evening Institute will not recommence until the 1st October. Students whose applications can be accepted will be notified during the week commencing 22nd September.

J. W. WILSON,
Acting Director,
Evening Institute.

out whether it is possible for us to exist together in this modern world." Eaton added: "America is determined at any cost to retain its present place of leadership and responsibility in the United Nations, which position must continue to be the very cornerstone of our foreign policy."

In a broadcast from New York, former Under-Secretary of State A. Berle, far agreed with Eaton that a showdown with Russia is necessary, but accused the Republican Congress of "talking of a showdown" while failing to "meet the elementary needs of the situation."

He urged Congress to take "big international steps" including economic support of Britain, military measures to protect Italy from seizure by a Slav-dominated fifth column and "ringing a pledge to vote money and supplies needed for the Marshall plan."—United Press.

Kromlin Negative

New York, Sept. 19.—The Herald-Tribune in an editorial on M. Andrei Vishinsky's United Nations speech, said today that it was in essence a "no." It meant that "nothing can be done except to reduce Europe to that state of misery, destitution and chaos in which it will have no option save to accept the Kremlin dictatorship for all its liberties."

The editorial said: "Until it does that Russia statesmanlike has nothing to offer it, nothing to say, no ideas beyond those of skilled and caustic debating points of a dialectic materialist. It is mere nihilism."

Practical Dilemma

The editorial said the speech was brilliant and brutal but "it actually says simply nothing whatsoever. Europe may decide for herself the value of the dialectics and may calculate the number of stomachs which can be filled with oratory."

"But the fact that the Russians have no constructive suggestion whatever to bring to the amelioration of tragedy, which Russia no less than Western policy has created, presents its own practical dilemma to the remainder of the world."

"It is obvious the United Nations must reconsider its structure and organization in order to cope with the forces of such a world. It is obvious we are approaching a crisis calling for action, and continued barren negatives from the Kremlin can only disqualify it from participation in the real problems of our times."

Not Walking Out

The Times editorial on M. Vishinsky's speech said: "There was a significant and hopeful point noted by many delegates in the Assembly as the angry echoes died away. The speech contained no hint that the Soviet Union has any thought of walking out of the United Nations. Evidently it intends to maintain its nuisance value."

It termed the Soviet "blat" a "series of resounding negatives," and added: "If the Soviet Government really believes the charges Mr Vishinsky elaborates, if the Russian people can be convinced by the propaganda of Marxian doctrine that the United States, as a capitalist monster, is plotting to destroy 'socialist democracy,' then there are indeed two worlds—a real world and a world of unreality."—United Press.

TYPHOON'S TOLL

Tokyo, Sept. 20.—Waters broke through dykes into additional sections of Tokyo late on Friday as United States relief authorities estimated the four-day old typhoon and flood disaster had taken at least 2,000 Japanese lives.

The swollen Naka River broke its bank at two places and spread over the flatlands in the northeast and easternmost sections of the city. Japanese police and firemen breached the bank farther downstream to ease the pressure. More than 50,000 residents were moved to safety.

Colonel Weyland Augur, Chief of Staff of the United States First Cavalry Division, said reconnaissance of the Kanto Plain where the flood struck first indicated a death toll of 2,000. The Kyodo News Agency reported 1,708 known dead, 625 injured and 2,142 missing. Augur estimated 200,000 persons homeless in the flood belt, 40 miles long and eight miles wide from Tachikawa through Saitama prefecture north of Tokyo.—Associated Press.

Wedemeyer Hands In Report

Washington, Sept. 19.—Lieutenant-General Albert C. Wedemeyer, who made a two-month fact-finding tour of China and Korea as President Truman's special envoy, is handing to the State Department today a report on his findings which is said to be "lengthy" and to contain "detailed recommendations." General Wedemeyer returned to England by plane yesterday.—Reuter.



"It keeps coming out he loves me. I wish I knew who he was!"

Bevin Will Lead Talks In Paris

Paris, Sept. 19.—Mr Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, is expected to arrive in Paris on Sunday to preside over the plenary session of the 16-nation Marshall "aid to Europe" conference on Monday, it was announced here today.

The Foreign Secretary will be accompanied by Sir Edmund Hall-Patch, Deputy Under-Secretary of State, and is expected to stay in Paris about three days.

It was announced in Rome today that Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, will fly to Paris tomorrow to meet the British and French Foreign Ministers before the formal discussions begin on Monday.

The Co-operation Committee of the Marshall plan conference hoped today to complete its consideration of the report drafted by the technical experts of the 16 nations assessing the economic needs of the countries participating in the talks.

After the report, which has been formally approved next week, it will be submitted to the United States Government.

Objections Withdrawn
Sweden Switzerland tonight withdrew their objection to the section of the economic report on the Marshall plan which advocated a Joint Continuing Organisation to watch over the progress made.

The way was thus cleared for the final approval of the report of which the section of which these two countries had reservations called for the participating countries charged with the task of reviewing the progress made with the execution of recovery programmes.

The unanimity of all sections of the report was asserted by the withdrawal of the objections. The report will be formally presented at the closing plenary session on Monday afternoon with Mr Bevin presiding.

Clayton's View

It is reliably learned that the United States Under-Secretary for Economic Affairs, Mr William Clayton, had expressed the view that the figures of European requirements from this American continent for the next four years were still too high.

Deducting the requirements of capital equipment, including agricultural machinery, mining supplies and the wider range of maintenance and replacement supplies—estimated in the report at a total of £1,200,000,000—the final figures of Europe's deficit in its balance of payments with the American continent over the next four years would amount to £4,425,000,000.—Reuter.

OUTWARD MAILS

Christmas Parcel Mail
The Christmas Parcel Mail for Great Britain will close at the General Post Office at Noon on September 30, 1947 and at Kowloon Central Post Office at 11.30 a.m. on September 30. This mail is expected to arrive at United Kingdom early December, 1947.

Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcel-posts close 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. It will close before 10 a.m. registered and parcel close before 10 a.m. on previous day.

Saturday, September 20

Hongkong (Sea) 2 p.m. (for ordinary letters & cards only)

(Sea) 4 p.m.

U.S.A., Canada and South America (No Parcel for Canada) (Sea) 4 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin, Shekchi & Hongkong (Sea) 4 p.m.

Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

Canton, Kowloon and Chungking (Air) 3.30 p.m.

Sunday, September 21

Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland (Air) 10 a.m.

Kuamung, Calcutta, Shanghai, Canton, Kowloon, Hankow and Nanking (Air) 10 a.m.

Shanghai (Sea) 10 a.m.

Canton (Sea) 10.30 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin & Shekchi (Sea) 8 a.m.

Canton (Train) 10 a.m.

Kowloon, Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.

Monday, September 22

Manila, P.I. (Air) 9.30 a.m.

Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin & Shekchi (Sea) 8 a.m.

Manila, P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.

Canton (Train) 10 a.m.

Kowloon, Swatow and Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.

Tuesday, September 23

Manila, P.I. (Air) 9.30 a.m.

Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin & Shekchi (Sea) 8 a.m.

Manila, P.I. (Sea) 10 a.m.

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BRITAIN TO CUT STAFF IN GERMANY

London, Sept. 19.—The British Government is seriously studying the cutting down of British administrative staff in Germany.

The strength of British administrative personnel in Germany at present is below 20,000, according to well-informed British political sources, and it is believed that a few thousand more British officials can be withdrawn from Germany during 1948.

A more substantial cut, of about 40 percent is contemplated for 1949. The entire German coal administration of the British zone is run by 100 British people. The number of Britons engaged in German timber control, however, is several times higher, which is connected with British endeavours to transform the British zone into a timber-exporting area.

Experts realise that substantial reduction of British personnel will be possible only if the four powers agree on the establishment of a German central administration which would run the railways, inland waterways, post and telegraph services, in which many British people are at present employed.—United Press.

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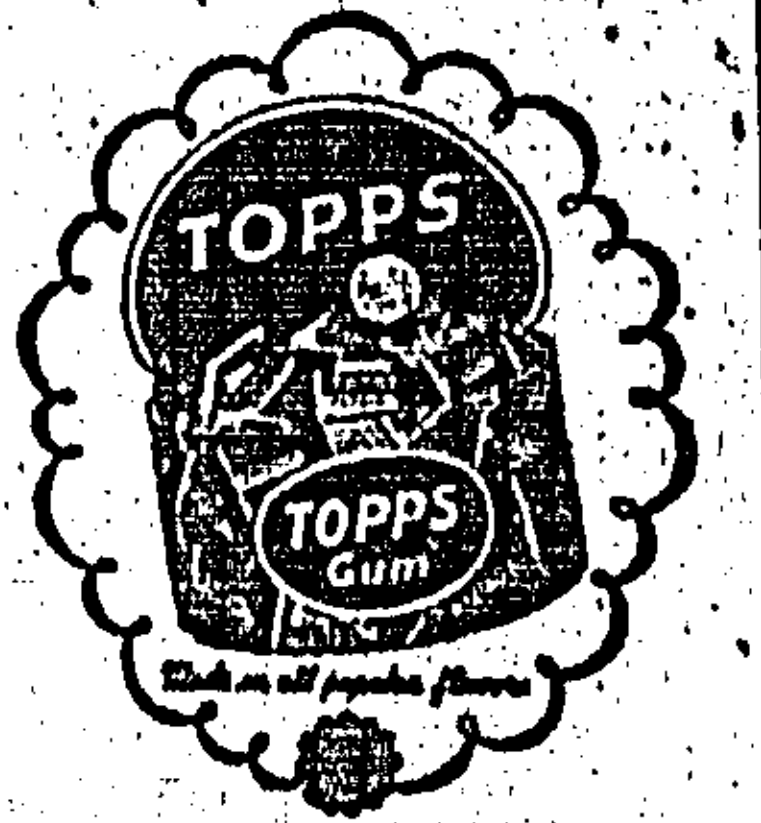
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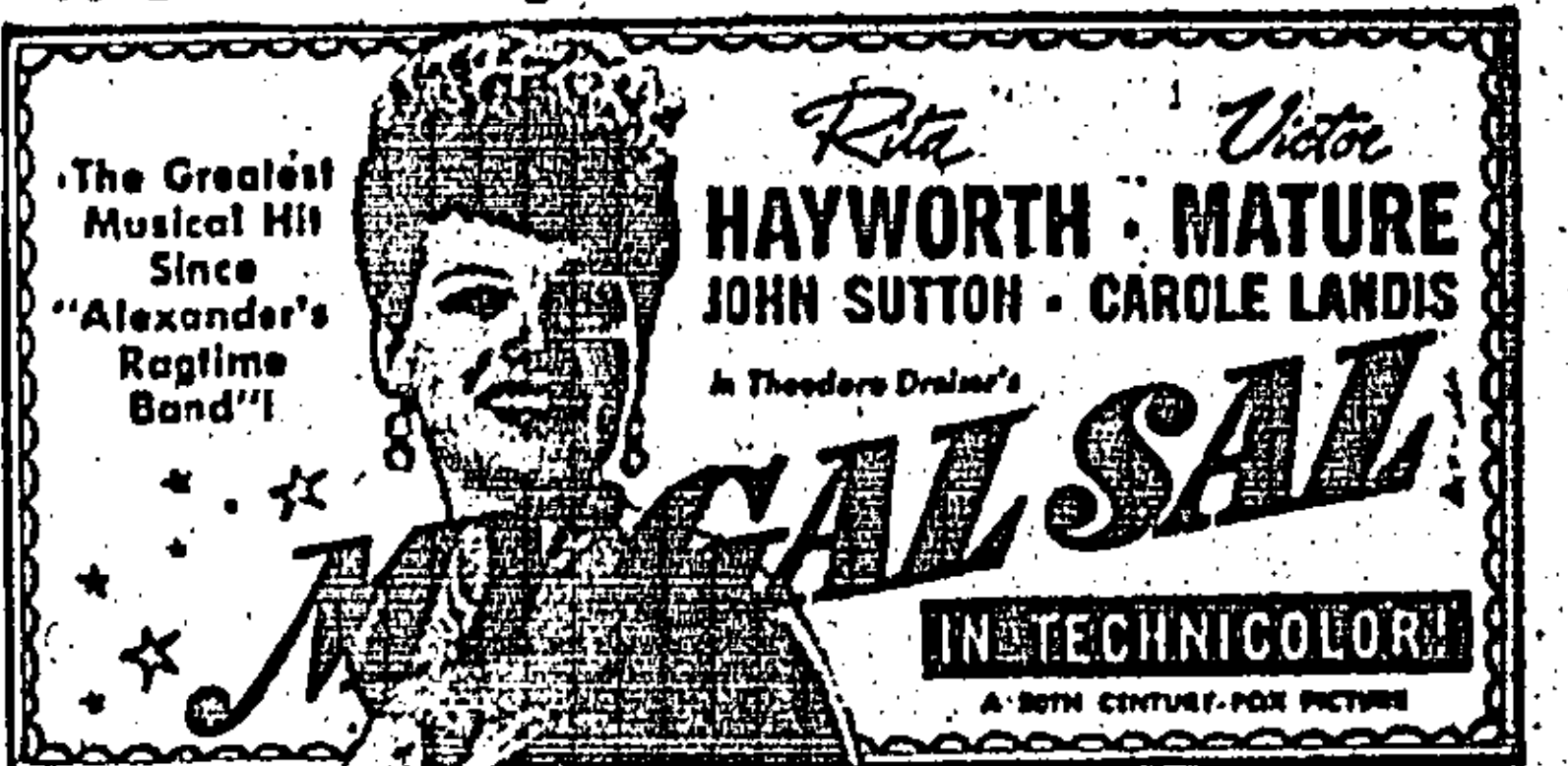
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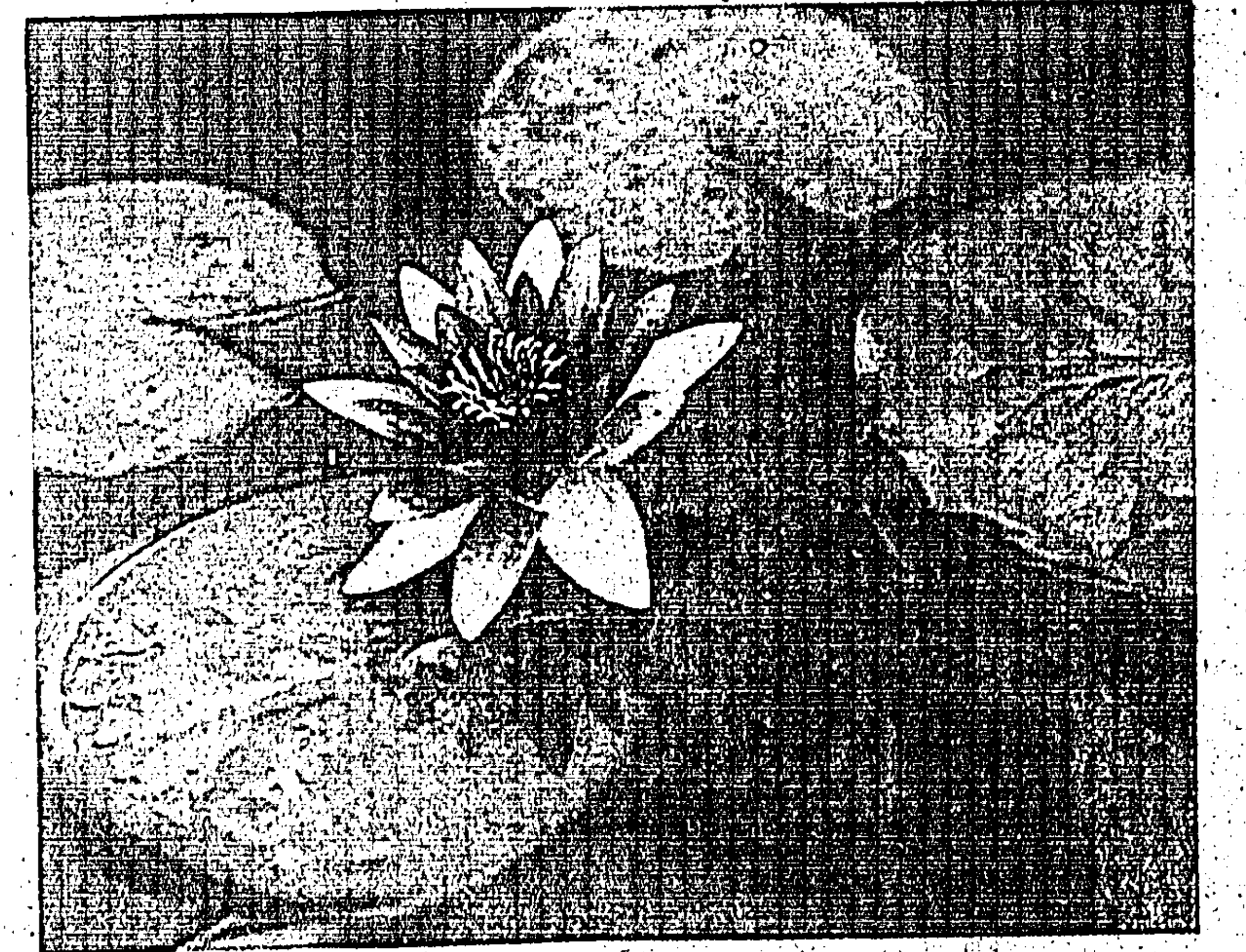
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